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THE HAY-PAUNCEFOTE TREATY.

What is known as the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty was negotiated at Washington in February last by the Secretary of State, Mr. Hay, and the British Ambassador, Lord Pauncefote, and is now before the Senate for ratification, amendment or rejection. On Thursday, what is known as the Davis amendment (given below) to the treaty was adopted by the overwhelming vote of 65 to 17. The negative votes were as follows:

Messrs. Bard, Beveridge, Frye, Foster, Hansbrough, Lindsay, Mason, McCumber, McEnery, McBride, Morgan, Money, Stewart, Tillman, Wellington, Wolcott and Gallinger.

Our dispatches last evening contained the following:

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has decided to recommend an amendment to the Nicaragua canal bill declaring that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty supersedes the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and also to strike out article 3 of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

Following is the text of the treaty as it stood after adoption of the Davis amendment (the amendment in *italics*, after Section 5 of Article 2):

ARTICLE 1.

It is agreed that the canal may be constructed under the auspices of the Government of the United States either directly at its own cost or by gift or loan of money to individuals or corporations or through subscription to or purchase of stock or shares, and that, subject to the provision of the present convention, the Government shall have and enjoy all the rights incident to such construction, as well as the exclusive right of providing for the regulation and management of the canal.

ARTICLE 2.

The high contracting parties, desiring to preserve and maintain the general principle of neutralization established in Article 8 of the Clayton-Bulwer convention, adopted, as the basis of such neutralization, the following rules, substantially as embodied in the convention between Great Britain and certain other powers signed at Constantinople October 29, 1888, for the free navigation of the Suez maritime canal, that is to say:

1. The canal shall be free and open in time of war as in time of peace to the vessels of commerce and of war of all nations on terms of entire equality, so that there shall be no discrimination against any nation or its citizens or its subjects in respect of the conditions or charges of traffic or otherwise.

2. The canal shall never be blockaded, nor shall any right of war be exercised nor any act of hostility be committed within it.

3 Vessels of war of a belligerent shall not revictual nor take any stores in the canal except so far as may be strictly necessary, and the transit of such vessels through the canal shall be effected with the least possible delay, in accordance with the regulations in force, and with only such intermission as may result from the necessities of the service. Prizes shall be in all respects subject to the same rules as vessels of war of the belligerents.

4. No belligerent shall embark or disembark troops, munitions of war or warlike materials in the canal except in case of accidental hindrance of the transit, and in such case the transit shall be resumed with all possible dispatch.

5. The provisions of this article shall apply to waters adjacent to the canal within three marine miles of either end. Vessels of war of a belligerent shall not remain in such waters longer than 24 hours at any one time except in case of distress, and in such cases shall depart as soon as possible, but a vessel of war of a belligerent shall not depart within 24 hours from the departure of a vessel of war of the other belligerent.

It is agreed, however, that none of the immediately foregoing conditions and stipulations in sections numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this article shall apply to measures which the United States may find it necessary to take for securing by its own forces the defense of the United States and the maintenance of public order.

6 The plant, establishments, buildings and all works necessary to the construction, maintenance and operation of the canal shall be deemed to be part thereof for the purpose of this convention, and in time of war as in time of peace shall enjoy complete immunity from attack or injury by belligerents and from acts calculated to impair their usefulness as part of the canal.

7. No fortifications shall be erected commanding the canal or the waters adjacent. The United States, however, shall be at liberty to maintain such military police along the canal as may be necessary to protect it against lawlessness and disorder.

ARTICLE 3

The high contracting parties will, immediately upon the exchange of the ratifications of this convention, bring it to the notice of the other powers and invite them to adhere to it.

The present convention shall be ratified by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and by her Britannic Majesty, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington or at London within six months from the date thereof or earlier if possible.

The Clayton-Bulwer Treaty was negotiated in Washington on the 19th of April, 1850, by General Taylor's Secretary of State, Mr. Clayton, and the British Minister, Sir Henry Lytton Bulwer. Its distinguishing feature was provision for the absolute neutrality of the "contemplated ship canal through the territory of Nicaragua." Article 1 of that treaty was as follows:

"Article I.—The Governments of the United States and Great Britain hereby declare that neither the one nor the other will ever obtain or maintain for itself any exclusive control over the said ship canal; " " " neither will ever erect or maintain any fortifications commanding the same," etc.

From this will be seen the point aimed at by the recommendation of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as given in our dispatches yesterday and reproduced above. The further recommendation for the striking out of Article 3 of the present proposed treaty is intended, evidently, as a partial concession to the strong sentiment developed in the Senate in favor of striking out Section 7 thereof (the "no fortification" section).

The outcome, involving the measure of concession to which Great Britain may be willing to consent in order to retain the friendship of the United States, will be watched with absorbing interest.

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Renaissance of Water Transportation.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says:

The rapid strides of the United States toward greatness within the past quarter of a century are no better exemplified than in its projects for remedying the defects of nature, from a commercial point of view.

In the early history of the country merchants were content to take conditions as they found them, adapting their vessels to suit their harbors and when the harbors proved too small to accommodate their ships seeking others more commodious. Now the merchant builds his ships according to the demands of trade and adapts the harbor to suit the ship. The same is true of the great rivers. Where the frontiersman formerly floated his flat boat with hides and up-river products to New Orleans the riverman of today demands 6, 8, 10, 15 and even 30 feet of water, according to the locality. These ever-increasing demands for the improvement of rivers and harbors have grown enormously within the past four or five years, beginning simultaneously with America's taking the lead in the commerce of the world. Within a recent period projects have been seriously recommended to Congress by Government engineers and commissions for the improvement of our waterways and the construction of canals involving the enormous outlay of nearly three-quarters of a billion of dollars, and so accustomed have the American people become to the expenditure of great sums of money that the recommendations have attracted merely a passing notice.

THE CANAL PROJECTS.

Leading in these plans is that for the Nicaraguan canal, for which a commission which has spent several years and $1,000,000 in money investigating the matter, reports that $200,540,000 will be necessary. It is reasonable to presume that as no work of this character is ever completed within the original cost, the canal, if ever constructed, will cost half as much more than estimated.

Of even more importance to our domestic commerce and welfare is the deep waterway project, which provides for a route by the lakes, rivers and canals for ocean-going steamers to pass through the country to the furthest extremity of the Great Lakes. Combined with it is the plan to deepen the Chicago drainage canal's outlet through the Illinois river, the Upper Mississippi, etc., so as to admit ocean-going steamers or lake steamers from Chicago to the Gulf of Mexico. Should all these plans be finally consummated it will be possible to load a steamer at Chicago with dressed beef, send it through the canals and rivers to the gulf, cross the Isthmus of Darien in the Nicaraguan canal and land its cargo in San Francisco in much less time and at a great deal less expense than the same amount of freight could be shipped across the country by train. All these projects commend themselves to the Central States, for the combination means the creation of a seaboard in the interior of the country. If ocean going steamers could be loaded at Chicago docks and find a free passage to the Atlantic it would not be long before all the grain and other products of the Great West, not needing express transportation, would be shipped at Chicago for Europe, and New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore suffer accordingly.

WHERE MONEY CAN BE USED.

So common have these recommendations for the appropriation of vast sums for such improvements become that plans appropriating from $1,000,000 to $10,000,000 pass almost unnoticed. It is proposed to expend $10,000,000 in improving the channel connecting Lakes Superior and Huron. Galveston, having been ruined by a tidal wave, asks $3 000,000 or $4,000,000 to restore her harbor. The entrance to the Mississippi is unsatisfactory, the several millions spent in the South Pass having produced no visible result, except to justify the original contention that it was the Southwest Pass which should be improved and not the South Pass.

All the cities having harbors, including those on the Great Lakes, want money for improvements. To cap the climax a recommendation was sent to Congress yesterday asking for $25,000,000 for the improvement of the lower part of the Arkansas river. Besides such propositions the $1 900 000 asked by New York for the improvement of Buttermilk channel, the million or two for the destruction of Diamond reef, the $600,000 for Spring Garden channel, Baltimore, and the $1,300 000 for Erie harbor, near Buffalo, dwindle into insignificance. Any country where a board of engineers could seriously consider the idea of expending $25,000,000 on the improvement of such a river—and only a part of that—as the Arkansas should never hesitate about providing $200 000 000 for a Nicaraguan canal or $225,000,000 or so for a deep waterway to the Great Lakes.

Death of Miss Sarah Deming.

We are grieved to learn that Miss Sarah A. Deming, after a lingering illness, died Friday afternoon at half past four o'clock.

The deceased lady, who was in her 70th year, was a daughter of the late Mr. Gurdon Deming, and was universally beloved for her many virtues. She has, for a third of a century, made her home with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. E Sedberry, to whose children she was like a mother. Her walk in life was that of a true christian, and she has gone to the reward of the blessed.

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THE "BLOODY ANGLE" AT SPOTTSYLVANIA.

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General Horace Porter in Century

I had been anxious to participate in the scenes occurring at the "angle," and now got permission to go there and look after some new movements which had been ordered. Lee made five assaults in all that day in a series of desperate and even reckless attempts to retake his main line of earthworks, but each time his men were hurled back defeated, and he had to content himself in the end with throwing up a new line farther in his rear.

The battle near the "angle" was probably the most desperate engagement in the history of modern warfare and presented features which were absolutely appalling. It was chiefly a savage hand to hand fight across the breastworks. Rank after rank was riddled by shot and shell and bayonet thrusts, and finally sank, a mass of torn and mutilated corpses. Then fresh troops rushed madly forward to replace the dead, and so the murderous work went on. Guns were run up close to the parapet, and double charges of canister played their part in the bloody work. The fence rails and logs in the breastworks were shattered into splinters, and trees over a foot and a half in diameter were cut completely in two by the incessant musketry fire. A section of the trunk of a stout oak tree thus severed was afterward sent to Washington, where it is still on exhibition at the National museum. We had not only shot down an army, but also a forest.

The opposing flags were in places thrust against each other and muskets were fired with muzzle against muzzle. Skulls were crushed with clubbed muskets and men stabbed to death with swords and bayonets thrust between the logs in the parapet which separated the combatants. Wild cheers, savage yells and frantic shrieks rose above the sighing of the wind and the pattering of the rain formed a demoniacal accompaniment to the booming of the guns as they hurled their missiles of death into the contending ranks. Even the darkness of night and the pitiless storm failed to stop the fierce contest, and the deadly strife did not cease till after midnight. Our troops had been under fire for 24 hours, but they still held the position which they had so dearly purchased.

My duties carried me again to the spot the next day, and the appalling sight presented was harrowing in the extreme. Our own killed were scattered over a large space near the "angle," while in front of the captured breastworks the enemy's dead, vastly more numerous than our own, were piled upon each other, in some places four layers deep, exhibiting every ghastly phase of mutilation. Below the mass of fast decaying corpses the convulsive twitching of limbs and the writhing of bodies showed that there were wounded men still alive and struggling to extricate themselves from their horrid entombment. Every relief possible was afforded, but in too many cases it came too late. The place was well named the "Bloody Angle."

The results of the battle are best summed up in the report which the general in chief sent to Washington. At 6:30 p. m., May 12, he wrote to Halleck as follows: "The eighth day of battle closes leaving between 3,000 and 4 000 prisoners in our hands for the day's work, including 2 general officers, and over 30 pieces of artillery. The enemy are obstinate and seem to have found the last ditch. We have lost no organization, not even that of a company, while we have destroyed and captured one division (Johnson's), one brigade (Doles') and one regiment entire of the enemy." The Confederates had suffered greatly in general officers. Two had been killed, 4 severely wounded and 2 captured. Our loss in killed, wounded and missing was less than 7,000; that of the enemy between 9,000 and 10,000 as nearly as could be ascertained.

The Uncle Remus Reading Club.

A number of young boys have for several months past been meeting every Friday night at the residence of Dr. McNeill, on Dick street, for the purpose of getting the Doctor to read them stories. For the past month he has been reading them the stories from Uncle Remus, and the number of boys who attended became so numerous that at the reading last Friday night they decided to organize a club, the members of which should not be over fifteen years of age, except Dr. McNeill, who is to be the only honorary member. It is a secret order and the boys have their pass-words, initiatory degrees and all the paraphernalia of such an organization.

The club has twenty-five members, and at the meeting last night a number of applications were passed upon. At this meeting Master Morrison Burns was the first member to be initiated, and he took all the degrees very gracefully.

The officers of the club, which took its name from Uncle Remus, are:

Joe McKethan, President.
Geo. W. Williams, Vice-President.
Ed. Ahearn, Secretary.
Adrian McNeill, Treasurer.
Sam. Ayer, Guide.
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20 VACANCIES AT THE A. & M. COLLEGE.

Entrance Examinations in Raleigh, January 2nd and 3rd.

There will be about twenty vacancies in the A. & M. College in January owing to withdrawals from poverty and failures in studies. These vacancies will be filled by selecting young men of mature mind and good preparation. Character and a desire to study will be indispensable requisites.

Entrance examinations will be held at the College in Raleigh, January 2nd and 3rd at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. No entrance examinations will be held elsewhere. It will probably be useless for applicants to come later, as the vacancies will all be filled on those dates.

The work of the College this year has been remarkably fine. The new Course in Mechanic Arts, training boys to be machinists, mechanics, engine tenders, boiler tenders, dynamo tenders, locomotive engineers, etc., has been very popular. The Special Course of instruction in the machine shop has also been largely attended. The Textile Department is equipped with several thousand dollars worth of cotton machinery and is doing admirable work. Students are crowding into it with enthusiasm.

The total enrollment so far is 280, although the College has room for only 190.

There has been practically no sickness during the year, not a case lasting a week. The discipline and morality of the College have been admirable in all respects.

Of Interest to Farmers.

It is desired to call the attention of the farmers, fruit-growers, truckers, and all others interested in agricultural pursuits, in North Carolina, to the fact that the Entonologist of the Department of Agriculture, at Raleigh, N. C., desires them to send him specimens of any injurious insects that may come to their notice. They are also invited to send specimens of any insects regarding which they desire information, and such information will be given so far as possible. It is desired to make the Department of as great practical benefit to the people as possible, and no effort will be spared to attain this end.

During this winter the fruit-growers are especially urged to make a careful examination of their trees, and send any insect or suspicious twig to the Department so that the matter may be investigated, if it is of importance. As this office is for the benefit of the people, we hope that they will use it to the best of their ability, by correspondence or otherwise.

An effort is being made to build up a collection of insects for the Agricultural Department and for exhibition in the State Museum. The aid of all is asked in getting specimens for this purpose.

FRANKLIN SHERMAN, JR.,
Entomologist, Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.

Fowler's Contest.

A Goldsboro correspondent of the Wilmington Messenger of Thursday says:

Ex Congressman John E. Fowler, defeated by Congressman Thomas in the Third district, was in the city today. He informed me that notice of contest had not been served on Mr. Thomas, though it was true that he would contest the right of Mr. Thomas to a seat in the next Congress, charging that votes for himself in Craven, Jones, Onslow and Duplin counties were counted for Mr. Thomas. He went to Craven this evening, presumedly to take affidavits.

The Navigation Committee Returns.

Mr. Slocomb, Col. Cook and Mr. Lutterloh returned last Friday night from Washington. Mr. Holt and Mr. Williamson went to Burlington to attend Mr. Charles Holt's funeral. They report nothing conclusive so far, but hope that an appropriation for $100,000 for a beginning may be secured. Chairman Burton, of the House Committee, said that the bills introduced in Congress for river and harbor appropriations aggregate over four hundred millions of dollars. We do not understand that any bill for an appropriation for the Cape Fear has been introduced.

The situation admonishes us to inaugurate a strenuous agitation through out the State.

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PYTHIAN GRAND DOMAIN.

Fourth District Convention—"School of Instructions," Addressees, Etc.

Delegates from the lodges of Rowland, Maxton and Red Springs arrived here Thursday to take part in the first convention of the Grand Domain of the Knights of Pythias of the fourth district, and were met at the train by a reception committee, who afterwards entertained them at supper at the Hotel LaFayette, together with Grand Chancellor Monteastle, of Lexington, Grand Vice Chancellor L. B. McLoud, of Asheville, and State Lecturer Jordan. The absence of Grand Keeper R. and S. Hollowell, of Goldsboro, a beloved high official of the order, was much regretted.

The convention was opened in the beautiful hall of Cumberland Lodge No. 5 by District Deputy Grand Chancellor W. C. Holland, who briefly and forcibly explained the object of the assemblage, and introduced Dr. J. W. McNeill, who gracefully welcomed the delegates. Mr. Holland then surrendered the gavel to Grand Chancellor Monteastle, who presented Grand Vice Chancellor McLoud for an eloquent response, followed by the Grand Chancellor in appropriate terms.

Nothing gave such pleasure in all the programme of the evening as the "School of Instructions" by State Lecturer Jordan, an able, entertaining and instructive exposition of the work of the order. There were no set speeches, but a love feast of Pythian brotherhood, in which all bore a happy part. Mr. N. B. Alexander, besides one of his characteristic thrilling talks, exemplified the part of Pythagoras in the third degree; and by request Mr. W. C. Holland exemplified the first degree. At the close of the evening refreshments were served, and the guests on parting with their brethren, expressed themselves delighted with their reception, while the Grand Chancellor pronounced the convention one of the most successful and enjoyable ever held in the State.

Col. W. J. Woodward, of Wilmington, though not in this district, was anxiously expected, and would have received most cordial greeting.

The New Organ—Mr. Stein Plays it for the First Time.

A number of persons were present by invitation at the Presbyterian church last week to see and hear the splendid two Manual Pipe Organ just erected in that church by Mr. Stein of Baltimore. The instrument made a magnificent appearance in the new organ chamber in the rear of the sacred desk. Its sitting there adds very much to the attractive interior of this venerable building and when the centennial of the planting of the Presbyterian church in Fayetteville is celebrated a few weeks hence, this improvement will add dignity to the solemn services on that occasion, and will mark in a very distinct manner the progress of this church in our midst.

The organ itself is a grand looking instrument, with its beautiful speaking pipes, most tastefully gilded and painted. The platform for the choristers is quite in harmony with the casing of the organ, and all is enclosed by a heavy brass railing, surmounted on each side of the organ by a cluster of beautiful lights. The *tout ensemble* is highly pleasing, and not only the worshippers of that old church can take pride and pleasure in this splendid instrument, but the whole city can join in pleasant congratulations over this great acquisition to our musical equipment among the churches.

The builder played very pleasantly on the instrument while displaying its powers and compass. Then by invitation other persons tried its tones, and all went away feeling very happy over the new organ after singing the old Gloria: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Death of Mr. Chas. T. Holt.

Mr. Walter L. Holt, who went to Washington Wednesday night as a member of the committee on the improvement of the Cape Fear, had to part company with his associates Thursday and go to Haw River, having received a telegram that his cousin and close business associate, Mr. Chas. T. Holt, was dead.

The deceased was the oldest and only living son of the late Governor Thomas M. Holt. He was president of the T. M. Holt Manufacturing Company, and was connected with the Cora Manufacturing Company, the Granite Manufacturing Company and numerous other industrial enterprises. He was an affable, kind-hearted gentleman, whose kindness and generosity, and many amiable qualities made for him hosts of friends.

He leaves a widow, who was the daughter of Ex-Governor Jones of Alabama.

The Queen Dismisses Parliament.

By cable to the Observer.

London, Dec. 15.—Parliament voted the war funds and was dismissed today with the reading of the shortest of the Queen's speeches. It is as follows: "My Lords and Gentlemen;—I thank you for the liberal provision you have made for the expenses incurred by the operations of my armies in South Africa and China."

What a Dreadful Thing it is to wake up in the night suffering from cholera morbus, and yet cases of this kind are very common. The trouble, however, will never become serious if you keep a bottle of PAIN KILLER at hand, for it is a remedy that never fails to cure cholera, cramps, diarrhœa or dysentery. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. Price 25c. and 50c.

Population of North Carolina Towns.

The population of North Carolina towns, as given out by the census, has caused great dissatisfaction in many places, notably Wilmington and Raleigh, both of which places are having a police census taken. Fayetteville had a police census taken a year or more ago and the figures then went far beyond those of the census just taken.

The following are the official figures for the principal towns:

Asheville,	10 236	14 694
Beaufort,	2,007	2,195
Burlington,	1,716	2,195
Charlotte,	11,557	18 091
Concord,	4 339	7 910
Durham,	5 485	6 589
Edenton,	2 205	3 046
Elizabeth City,	3 251	6 348
Fayetteville,	4 222	4 670
Gastonia,	1 033	4,610
Goldsboro,	4,017	5 877
Graham,	991	2 052
Greensboro,	3 317	10 035
Greenville,	1,937	2 565
Henderson,	4 191	3 746
Hickory,	2 023	2 535
High Point,	3 081	4 163
King's Mountain,	4 29	2 062
Kinston,	1 726	4 106
Monroe,	1,866	2,427
Mount Airy,	1,768	2 680
Newberne,	7 843	9,090
Raleigh,	12 678	13 643
Randleman,	1 754	2 190
Reidsville,	2 969	3,262
Rocky Mount,	616	2 937
Salem,	2 711	3,642
Salisbury,	4 418	6 277
Statesville,	2 318	3 141
Tarboro,	1,924	2,499
Washington,	3,545	4 842
Wilmington,	20 056	20,976
Wilson,	2,126	3 525
Winston,	8,018	10,008

Closed By Sheriff.

The two stores of Messrs. Watson & Williams or Person street were closed by Sheriff Burns Thursday afternoon under an execution held by Captain MacKethan in favor of the George D. Witt Shoe Company of Lynchburg, Va., for $150 80 and another for $108. The appraisers summoned to lay off the personal property exemption were busily engaged until late last night and today Sheriff Burns is making out a list of what he has in excess subject to levy. He has executions in hand amounting to four or five hundred dollars, which amount it is thought will be fully realized. The other indebtedness is said to be about a thousand dollars. It is regretted that it was considered necessary to close up these stores at this time, as it is the first failure on that street for some time.

Took York's Picture.

The Raleigh Post contains the following item:

"J. L. York, who was convicted of using the U. S. mail for fraudulent purposes, yesterday sat for a picture, which will be placed among the government collection in Washington, D. C. At first York objected to the taking of his picture, but afterwards he gave his consent."

Local Briefs.

Messrs. Hollingsworth & Holland will give ten per cent. of all their sales on Christmas goods from Dec. 17th to Dec. 25th to the poor, the proceeds of which to be divided equally among all the white churches.

ECZEMA, ITCHING HUMORS, PIMPLES CURED BY B. B. B.

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That Cough Hangs On

You have used all sorts of cough remedies but it does not yield; it is too deep seated. It may wear itself out in time, but it is more liable to produce la grippe, pneumonia or a serious throat affection. You need something that will give you strength and build up the body.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

will do this when everything else fails. There is no doubt about it. It nourishes, strengthens, builds up and makes the body strong and healthy, not only to throw off this hard cough, but to fortify the system against further attacks. If you are run down or emaciated you should certainly take this nourishing food medicine.
50c. and $1.00, all druggists.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

A HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.

Two Women Burned to Death.

One of the most awful tragedies that ever occurred in Cumberland county took place last week in Flea Hill township, about ten miles from this city. It happened at the home of Allen Fuller, a highly respected colored man, and resulted in the death of his wife and daughter-in-law. The younger woman, discovering a pile of shucks in an outhouse on fire, ran to put it out, and, in doing so, her clothing caught afire. The mother, attracted by her screams, ran to her aid. The young woman, now one mass of flames, threw her arms around her mother in her death agony, and, despite the furious struggles of the old woman, both perished on the spot.

The physician, who examined the bodies, says that life was literally squeezed out of the old woman, and that she was probably dead before the flames harmed her.

The Fullers are well-known to many Fayetteville people, and the older woman was a servant in the family of Dr. Ben Robinson.

Storm in California.

By telegraph to the Observer.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The storm last night was the severest in the history of the State. One woman was killed near Salinas. The damage to property was considerable. The wires were suspended for several hours. The storm extended generally over the central and northern parts of the State. Several persons were injured at Vallejo. Some houses were blown down at Fairfield. Lightning struck several places in this city and many buildings were unroofed or blown down. Among the demolished structures was St. Matthew's Episcopal church. The running of the ferry boats was stopped, and a number of small craft capsized in the Bay.

Miscellaneous.

By cable to the Observer.

London, Dec. 15.—A Pekin despatch says that an imperial edict was issued on December 12th, appointing Li Sheng Toh, at present Chinese minister to Tokio, governor of Pekin.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Putnam, Conn., Dec. 15.—John Addison Porter, formerly secretary to the President, is reported this morning to be in a very critical condition. He has been unconscious for several hours and is sinking rapidly.

Paris Exposition Deficit over Half Million Dollars.

By cable to the Observer.

Paris, Dec. 15.—LeMatin says that the Exposition balance sheet shows that the deficit is two million, seventy-three thousand, seven hundred and thirty-six francs.

Now is the time when croup and lung troubles prove rapidly fatal. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate result is One Minute Cough Cure. It is very pleasant to take and can be relied upon to quickly cure coughs, colds and all lung diseases. It will prevent consumption. King Bros.

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FAYETTEVILLE N. C.

MR BRYAN'S NEW PAPER.

Mr. Bryan announces that he will begin the publication of a weekly newspaper in January. Though money making is the last idea that appears to enter his head, we have no doubt that the venture will prove an eminently profitable one; for the cost of publishing a paper once a week is comparatively small and the number of subscribers in Mr. Bryan's case must be phenomenally large. It is the multiplication by six, or by seven, which makes the dailies cost so much, be they ever so small, and the news service. In the case of the big city dailies, from a hundred thousand dollars to a million must be sunk before receipts begin to outrun expenses.

Mr. Bryan has wisely chosen. He has rejected all manner of lucrative business offers in order to devote himself to the study and exposition of public questions, and the weekly political newspaper is undoubtedly the most convenient vehicle for reaching his audience and the most dignified.

By a curious coincidence, perhaps as a consequence, his predecessor, Mr. Cleveland, has within forty-eight hours of Mr. Bryan's announcement broken his long silence. He says to a correspondent of the Atlanta Journal that the Democratic party must be reorganized by a return to "Democratic principles"—such, for example, as those he exemplified when he had poor Mr Voorhees to make pledges in his name, in order to secure the unconditional repeal of the Sherman law, which he intended to violate. The Democracy will never again follow his lead; but it may follow Mr. Bryan's if the Republican party pursue its un-Republican policy to its logical end.

Mr. Bryan's paper will be called "The Commoner," and it will doubtless prove the true Democratic *Vade Mecum*.

How much nobler and how much more in keeping with the obligations of the representative position which seven millions of his fellow citizens have conferred upon him, is Mr. Bryan's course, than that of ex-President Cleveland at the end of his first term or that of ex-President Harrison at the end of his service in the Presidential office. Those who have occupied such exalted positions owe something to the proprieties. Mr. Cleveland, we believe, was the first of the ex-Presidents to go into business. The second Adams entered the House of Representatives in 1831, after having been President, but it is not recorded that he re-entered business in the brief space between his retirement from the Presidency in 1829 and his entrance upon the long and distinguished career in the Lower House of Congress and in which service he died.

The unprejudiced American can only view with admiration the dignity and the devotion to the public interests which have marked Mr. Bryan's course from the moment of his nomination in 1896 up to the present time.

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

Mr. Joseph Nimmo, Jr., formerly chief of the Bureau of Statistics of the United States, has written a communication to the Baltimore Sun in which he makes out a very bad case (commercially) for the Nicaragua Canal. He declares that, instead of the 7,000,000 tons of traffic which the canal commission's report estimates will use it, 500,000 tons would be nearer the mark—an amount totally insufficient to provide working expenses, much less interest on the investment of the two or three hundred millions of dollars which it will cost. He points out that the Suez Canal—which is devoid of locks and which has established a route supplied with frequent and convenient coaling stations—furnishes a way from Europe to Asia and Australasia 5,000 miles shorter than any other canal route, while the distance from New York to Manila is about the same either way, with the coaling facilities in favor of the Suez route.

All of which makes it only the more necessary that the United States should have complete control of the Nicaragua canal if the United States are to pay the cost of digging and maintaining it. This view is further reinforced by the fact that the mercantile marine of the United States would derive but little benefit in return for such a huge outlay because, thanks to the Republican navigation and protection laws, we do but 3 per cent. of the world's carrying trade while our competitors do the other 97 per cent.

It is understood that the vote on the treaty will be taken to-morrow. In its amended form it will preserve to us the control which we should have over the canal if it is to be constructed as a work of public defense in war; while, if the amendments prove to be too drastic for its acceptance by Great Britain, we shall be no worse off than we were before, barring the humiliation which such an outcome would inflict upon our executive head.

Representative Richardson, of Alabama, yesterday introduced in the House a bill to establish a soldiers' home for disabled Union and Confederate soldiers at Huntsville, Ala.

Local Briefs.

AT BINGHAM SCHOOL.

Football Season---Interesting Y. M. C. A. Services---Lecture Course---Socials.

Correspondence of the Observer.

The football season just closed has been a very pleasant one, without injury or accident of any kind. The game has also been a great thing for the health, manliness and moral tone of the school. Where parents disapproved the boys are not allowed to play, nor are the boys allowed to play against grown men nor take extended trips. Thus the greatest objections to the game are removed. The schedule was as follows: Guilford College, 34, Bingham, 0; Oak Ridge, 23, Bingham, 0; Chapel Hill High School, 6, Bingham, 50; Horner School, 0, Bingham, 0.

The Young Men's Christian Association has just had a visit from Mr. Marks of Elon College. This gentleman, who is a good and earnest man as well as an attractive and forcible speaker, did much good by the three addresses made during his stay. The Y. M. C. A. Sunday Services are well attended. The programmes are made out several months in advance of the meetings and helpful talks and good singing make the exercises interesting. We feel that the Association has been of real benefit to the school.

The lecture course this year comprises the names of Doctors Taylor, Venable, Smith, Alexander, Home and McIver, together with Professors Edwin Mims, W. L. Poteat and M. C. S. Noble. At the last Teachers' Meeting an interesting paper was read by A. W. Mangum, the Physical Director, on Physical "Culture."

Mrs. Robert A. Gray, of Roanoke, Virginia, is now visiting her son, Principal Gray.

Misses Mary Belle Hall, of Hickory, and Maggie Legrand, of Charlotte, are also visiting the school. Their presence is giving much pleasure to all.

Last Friday night the Kalesthenic and Polemic Literary Societies gave an old fashioned "candy pulling." The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by an assembly of sixty or seventy boys and girls and was pronounced the nicest entertainment of the kind ever held at Bingham.

Invitations have been issued to a reception to be given by Principal and Mrs. Gray next Friday evening at their home to the faculty and students and young ladies of the neighborhood.

The students standing first in their classes in scholarship for the past month are Messrs. Heath (H.), Newsome, Taylor, Seawell, Murray (C), Davant (W.), Ross, VanEtten, Finch, Haas, Murray (J.), Stewart, Waggoman, McCubbins, Linn (W), Harris, Linn (R. W.), Clark (E), Harward, Crump, LeGrand, Albert, Gant (J), McDonald, Anderson, Barnes, Clifton, Davant (H.), Davis, Sterling, Crowder, Croom, Eames, Cartland, Johnson, Sturgis, Hall, Suggs and Clark, (C)

BEAVER DAM ITEMS.

BEAVER DAM, Dec. 17, 1900.

Cold and dreary winter is here at last—dreary because everything looks so dead. But with all its sours it has its sweets. Santa Claus comes around and brings goodies to the children and makes them happy, while the young and gay enjoy parties and concerts, and when winter has passed wish for its early return. But the old and careworn—those who can count years by three score and more—do not look on winter with its blizzards as a season of enjoyment.

Mr. Alex. Bedsole is very sick, we are sorry to report.

Mrs. P. W. Smith is also on the sick list, we regret to say.

Miss Lou Sessoms will spend Christmas and the week following with her parents and friends around Stedman, thus giving her scholars a week to enjoy Christmas holidays.

Senator Carver and W. W. Autry, Esq., spent a night with G. T. Simpson, Esq., recently.

Rev. J. G Fisher, of Roslin, N. C., preached at Beaver Dam church Saturday, 15th, and the following Sunday at Sharon.

Mr. H. C. Faircloth died December 10th at his home near Sharon Church. Heart failure was supposed to be the cause of his death, as he died very suddenly. The deceased was a high-toned christian gentleman of the purest type, a devoted churchman, a generous and true friend. A kind and hospitable neighbor has passed away. Our deceased friend was loved in his community for his many christian graces. He has been a member of the Baptist Church for a number of years and was a deacon at the time of his death. Peace to his ashes.

Mrs. A. P. Hall died December 12 at the home of her father, Mr. S. R. Ezzell. Consumption was the cause of her death. Mrs. Hall was a good, kind and christian-hearted lady. She leaves a husband and two small children to mourn the loss of a kind companion and dear mother. Our sympathy to the bereft.

A merry Christmas to the OBSERVER's force and correspondents. We wish you all a good time. JACK.

Bladen County News.

DUBLIN, N. C., Dec. 15, 1900.

Miss Lila Love, of Cumberland county, visited relatives at Tar Heel recently.

Mr. H. J. Lyon, of Dublin, went to Wilmington last Monday.

Mr. Alex. Patterson and daughter of Albertson, N. C., are visiting relatives in the county.

A. W. McLean, Esq., of Lumberton, was at Elizabetown, on legal business last week.

Solicitor McLean, Hon. C. C. Lyon, Homer L. Lyon, Esq., and A. McNeill, Esq., of Elizabethtown attended Columbus county Superior Court this week.

Prof. W. Irving Shaw, of Klondike, N. C., is teaching near Dublin.

Prof. Colin Pierce's school at Dublin, closed on the 15th inst.

Mr. D. G. Robeson, Sr., of Red Springs, was here last week.

Hon. J. W. Scott Robinson, Democrat, will contest the seat of E. N. Robeson, Fusionist, in the State Senate, from the Fourteenth District.

Rev. Byron Clark, of Mt. Washington, Md., is visiting relatives at Clarkton.

Our newly elected county officers went into office December 3rd, except Treasurer W. S. Clark, who was too unwell to come to Elizabethtown, but tendered his bond. M.

The Purpose of the Amendment to Charter.

In reply to inquiries as to what is the purpose of the amendment to the Charter of the City of Fayetteville, which, according to a notice which has been appearing in the OBSERVER, is to be asked of the Legislature, we are informed that it is for the purpose of giving the city power to set aside a certain amount of its revenues for school purposes.

RALEIGH LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 17, 1900.

The political future of North Carolina, especially with regard to the predicted "re-alignment of parties" which is being exploited in certain quarters, appears to be attracting attention in Washington and the North, as well as among a class of people in this State.

The position which Senator Pritchard now announces that he will take in regard to the Crumpacker and all other bills designed to curtail the representation in Congress of this State, has a direct and important bearing upon this subject—especially in that it evidences the sincerity of the belief expressed with regard to the building up of a strong (and they hope dominant) white Republican party in North Carolina.

The building-up work will have to be prosecuted at a pretty gait to give the Republicans the victory of electing the next General Assembly, but it is evidently regarded by the Senator as not an impossibility.

These facts and suggestions are given here because they deserve and should receive the careful and earnest thought of the Democratic leaders and voters generally all over the State—and it is not a day too early to begin to think about them seriously and to look well and closely after the party organization.

HOW WE HELP EACH OTHER.

It is a pleasure to note the spirit of local patriotism that is now manifested in business matters by our Southern people, North Carolinians (who have not always exhibited it as they should) included. This suggestion is called out by the very favorable reception which, it is learned, our only home life insurance company—the South Atlantic Life, of Richmond—is meeting in this State, which it has very recently entered to do business. General Julian S. Carr, vice-president, and other North Carolinians, are among the largest stockholders and directors of this company, all of whom are Virginians and Carolinians, I believe, and as it is a particularly strong and well managed institution it certainly deserves well of our people. General Manager Foreman, of Richmond, who is now establishing agencies in North Carolina for the South Atlantic Life Insurance Company, will doubtless find that his company and its representatives will be cordially received and liberally patronized by the insuring public of North Carolina, and that the advantages to be derived by patronizing home industries and institutions is appreciated by our folks.

INCREASED VALUE OF NORTH CAROLINA PROPERTY.

As the subject of taxation will be an important one with the legislature which meets next month, and is already so with property owners and our people generally, the following figures are of particular interest just now.

The new assessment of property in North Carolina—that is, for 1900—amounts to about eight million dollars. Last year the increase (over 1898) was $18,000,000 (but that was an exceptional year) and the increase in 1898 (over 1897) was $2,706,040 only.

Eighty-eight of the 97 counties have sent in their reports to the State Auditor, leaving nine to come. Among the tardy counties are several important ones, like Wake, Vance, Granville and Surry.

Seventy of the ninety-six counties show an increase of $8,598,596. Eighteen counties show a decrease for 1900. This decrease amounts to $688,123. The net increase in the eighty-eight counties, therefore, is $7,910,464. When the returns are received from the counties not yet reported, the increase for 1900 will be in excess of $8,000,000.

The county that has made the greatest increase is Durham. That county has led in this respect for several years. The increase in Durham for the year 1900 is about $700,000.

Beaufort leads the eighteen counties that show a decrease in property valuations ($152 815); Polk comes next, with a decrease of $129,935.

If the valuations are more closely looked after next year, and property assessed at its real value (or at least at figures nearly approaching it) there will be a big jump in figures a year hence when we record the assessments next December.

LLEWXAM.

Jessup Sayings.

JESSUP, N. C., Dec. 15, 1900.

The election came and passed off quietly. We are just recovering from our surprise and astonishment and are now prepared to receive our share of the good things promised by the Republicans. We are longing for McKinley's wave of prosperity to strike us in dead earnest, but we do not want it to be very cool as it is cool enough in these parts just now.

Miss Annie Harrington left Tuesday for Southern Georgia, where she will engage in teaching.

Mr. J. Van Yow is moving from Glendon to a farm near here.

Mrs. W. J. Underwood is visiting her parents at Ore Hill.

Mr. Fuller McIntosh who has been seriously ill for several days is reported better.

Mr. S. H. Hargett left a few days ago for Baker City, Oregon, where he will make his future home.

Mr. Leighton Frye, of Richmond, Va., is visiting Mr. N. A. Underwood.

An election on the question of stock law or no stock law is to be held in Pocket and Deep River townships on Tuesday next.

Mr. L. G. Caveness, of Norfolk, Va., is visiting his father Mr. B. D. Caveness of Villanow.

Mrs. McGregory Jackson is visiting Miss Margaret Wadsworth.

Mr. Calvin Spray has removed to Gilbert, N. C.

Mrs. Emma Kimbry has moved to Sanford, N. C.

Capt. E. J. Harrington reports having killed eight hogs with an average weight of 450 pounds each.

Mrs. Thomas Boyt has moved to Quiet, N. C.

The many friends of Mr. John W. Thomas will regret to learn of his serious illness. DONTON.

Local Briefs.

The fire alarm which was sounded at 3 o'clock Wednesday was caused by the accidental burning of a quantity of dry grass, which at one time threatened with destruction Captain A. Garrason's stable, off Person street.

Mr. Adam Stein, who has been here the past two weeks, putting the new organ at the Presbyterian church in place, is now engaged in tuning the organ at St. John's Episcopal church.

The Best Prescription for Chills

and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price, 50c.

Cold Weather in New York.

By telegraph to the Observer.)

New York, Dec. 17.—This is the coldest day so far this winter. It was thirteen above zero at six o'clock this morning.

Three New American Bishops.

By cable to the Observer.

Rome, Dec'r 17.—The Pope, at the Consistory this morning, appointed several new bishops, including Moeller, of Columbus, Ohio, Amering, of Fort Wayne, and Keane, of Dubuque, Iowa.

Miscellaneous.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Horkimer, Dec'r 17.—P. M. Wood, recently appointed cashier of the New York post office, was stricken with paralysis at home here to-day.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec'r 17.—The immense Brown Hoisting and Conveying Company's plant and a smaller plant of the Elliot Elevator Company were burned this morning. Loss nearly a million.

Famine in Austria.

By cable to the Observer.

Vienna, Dec. 17.—The Agrarian provinces, comprising two hundred square miles around Leutsenau, Hungaria, are famine stricken. Disease is rampant and there are eight cases of bubonic plague. There are thousands of cases of typhus, and the mortality in this district is three hundred in one thousand.

The German Schoolship Disaster.

By cable to the Observer.

Madrid, Dec. 17.—It is now believed that one hundred persons were lost in the sinking of the German Schoolship Gneisenau at Malaga. Forty badly injured have been taken off the wreck and forty in small boats are missing.

Berlin, Dec 17.—An official dispatch received today from Malaga accounts for 314 survivors out of 450 persons aboard the Gneisenau.

The Columbian Revolution.

By cable to the Observer.

Colon, Dec. 17.—The British gunboat Pheasant arrived at Panama Saturday with the British steamer Taboga, seized by the Columbian Government some time ago. She leaves today with another armed Colombian expedition to quell a disturbance at Chepo. The Government forces are expected to achieve an easy victory.

An Extra Session of Congress.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Dec'r 17.—The President is said to have determined to call an extra session of Congress in March. The statement was made to day by a Republican member of congress who is seldom left out of important conferences and is therefore usually correct in his forecasts. Saturday the President gave as his reason for declining the invitation of the Illinois State Manufacturers' Association dinner, on March 26 h, that he would call an extra session of the Senate to consider nominations. The member of Congress referred to says, an extra session means more than nominations, as the Nicaragua canal, the ship subsidy and the river and harbor bills will hardly pass this session.

Dewet Led Third Charge.

By cable to the Observer.

Mazure, Dec. 17.—It appears that Dewet's force was twice repulsed before it broke through the British lines in the neighborhood of Thabanchu. The third attack Dewet led in person and with a few determined men he charged and broke the British lines, the rest of the command following. They were forced, however, to leave in the hands of the British a fifteen pounder and fifteen wagons, ammunition and stores. Commandant Haasbrouck with a command and two guns tried to get through Springkant's Nek, but was driven back losing forty men.

The Indiana Lynching.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Indianapolis, Dec. 17.—Gov. Mount when informed last night of the lynching of two negroes, Rowland and Henderson at Rockport, said he would make a thorough investigation. He was emphatic in the declaration that the ringleaders of the mob should be punished. Mrs. Simons the widow of the man for whose murder the negroes were lynched is so ill from nervous prostration that she may die. Walter Evans, a citizen of Rockport is a maniac from excitement, caused by the murder and lynching.

Colombia to Retain Sovereignty Over Canal.

By cable to the Observer.

Colon, Bogota, Dec. 18.—Advices state that an Agent of the Colombian Government will proceed to Washington immediately to treat with the United States for the transfer of the canal concession, on the basis of equal rights for the world's shipping. Colombia proposes to retain sovereignty over the canal territory.

Conflicting News.

By cable to the Observer

London, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Cape Town today says that a Boer Commando of six hundred supposed to be Mertzog's crossed the Orange river between Osendale Strom and Bethulie into Cape Colony and encountered a force of Cape mounted rifles and Brabant's horse, who retired with loss. Another dispatch says the Boers were beaten and are being pursued by Brabant's horse and are headed off by a patrol from Aliwai North.

Dr. Parker Attacks the Prince of Wales.

By cable to the Observer.

London, Dec. 18.—Dr. Parker in the Sun, which he is editing, like Mr. Sheldon, attacks the Prince of Wales fiercely: He says: "My heart's desire and earnest prayer to God is that men in high places will renounce the race course because of the associations in extricably mixed up with its whole history and purposes. Woe to any country wherein the heir to the throne, the premiers and leading merchants, favor horse racing as it exists among us today."

The French Chamber of Deputies, after an all-night session, adopted the amnesty bill by a vote of 156 to 2. The benefits of the measure extend to offenses connected with strikes, public meetings of associations and the troubles in Algeria in 1897 '98, in addition to cases arising out of the Dreyfus agitation.

A Sea Disaster.

By cable to the Observer.

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—The news of the worst disaster of the season in British Columbian waters, was brought by the steamship Czar, from Union Bay, on the east side of Vancouver island. The steamer Alpha, whose unauthorized trip to Cape Nome last May, involved her in trouble with the Treasury Department at Washington, was wrecked on the reef at the entrance to Union Bay and not a vestige of the vessel remains. The managing owner, captain, purser, two engineers and three others were drowned. The balance of the crew, thirty-four in number, were saved by the pluck of an unknown member of the crew, who swam in a raging sea from the wreck to the light house with a line about his waist.

Situation in China Still Bad.

By cable to the Observer.

London, Dec. 18.—A special to the Pall Mall Gazette says that all the foreign representatives agree that during the peace negotiations the situation has not materially improved. The scope of the negotiations has been so limited that the effect is neutralized. Gen. Tung Fu Hsiang still dominates the court and the allies have not closed the factories and arsenals at Hankow or Shanghai or checked the transportation of supplies to the court and army by the Chinese. For this reason Tung Fu Hsiang has had opportunity of equipping his army and is now in the position of dictator and has terrorized the Emperor and Dowager. A Shanghai dispatch says the authorities at Hankow are still in doubt that Tung Fu Hsiang has left Singapore for Kansu, whither he was ordered by the Empress Dowager.

A Thousand Sick Soldiers.

By telegraph to the Observer.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Within a few days more than a thousand sick soldiers will be on their way home from the Philippines. The transports Grant and Sherman are now on the way with 650 men. The Sheridan is scheduled to leave on December 22nd, with 500 men. This rush will tax the general hospital Presidio to the utmost capacity. The convalescents will be mustered out as soon as possible after arrival, and if 867 available beds in the hospital prove insufficient a tented annex will be built to accommodate the overflow.

GRADED SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees of Fayetteville Graded School:

GENTLEMEN:—Herewith I submit for consideration by you the following report of Fayetteville Graded School for the third month, ending December 7, 1900:

Number of boys enrolled,	218
Number of girls enrolled,	217
Total enrollment,	435
Total number who have left school,	17
Total number remaining at the close of the month,	418
Per cent. of attendance,	.87

Of the 17 who have left school, 4 have moved into another school district, 2 left on account of ill health, and 8 to work at the factories.

ROLL OF HONOR.

GIRLS—Margaret Jennings, Marion Haigh, Beulah Tyndall, Margaret Wade, Maggie Smith, Rilla Ward, Lottie Newberry, Minnie Ward, Nellie Watson, Lottie Wemyss, Rena McLaurin, Grace McNeill, Sadie Hall, Mary Gorham, Lucile Gorham, Sallie Dail, Helen Slocum, Eunice Black, Effie Sinclair, Margaret Lamb, Minnie Solomon, Kate Sinclair, Ethel Hall, Myrtle Folb, Alice Davis, Mary Lily McNeill, Eleanor Huske, Isabel Bidgood, Alice Garrett, Mary Gardner, Irene Humphrey, Florence Kells, Kate Lamb, Alma Nolley, Mary H. Slocum, Mary Black, Nora McDuffie, Janie Black, Amanda Amos, Annie Sedberry, Eugenie Burns, Ellen Brandt, Sadie Gardner, Lillian Haigh, Maggie Belle McDonald, Carrie Wright, Dolly Farrell.

BOYS—John Huske, John Holland, Earl Stewart, Norman McNeill, John H. Cook, Samuel Harper, Raymond Maultsby, Clarence Hedgepeth, Henry Cook, Albert Keels, Archie McDuffie, John Albert Steel, David Wade, Norwood Tillinghast, Walter Powers, Thos. Joyner, Willie Parker, Quincy Nimocks, Geo. Myrover, Rob't Haigh, Jack Clarke, Henry Clark, Calvin Patterson, Mark Stewart, Paul Stewart, John Davis, Albert Humphrey, Marion Huske, Joe McKethan, Robert McNeill, Percy Maxwell, Jas. Taylor, Claude Rankin, Tom Sutton, Walter Hall.

Very Respectfully,
A. B. HILL,
Sup't.

Death of Dr. McDougald.

His many friends in Fayetteville will regret to learn of the death last night, at Hope Mills, of Dr. Alex. McDougald. He has been ill for the past three months with neuralgia and his death was due to that disease.

Dr. McDougald was born in Scotland in 1835, and came to this county when he was but four years of age with the McGills, who settled in 71st. When he grew up he adopted the medical profession and in his earlier days practiced medicine in Fayetteville. He then moved out to his farm in 71st and practiced in that vicinity. Twelve years ago he moved to Hope Mills and has since been its leading physician.

The deceased was a kindly, big-hearted Scotchman, with a large acquaintance of friends, not one of whom but will hear of his death with genuine sorrow.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon from McPherson Church in 71st.

Rev. T. A. Smoot.

The papers, in giving the appointments of the Eastern Conference just closed at Newbern, put Rev. T. A. Smoot down as going to Fayetteville. Mr. Smoot did not know anything of it. He asked the Western Conference here to send him to a pastorate, but it continued him in the Greensboro Female College. Bishop Morrison, for some reason, changed the appointment after he went to the Eastern Conference. It is presumed that Mr. Smoot will leave at once for his new home.—*Greensboro Telegram.*

Rev. Mr. Smoot is a native of Rowan, and his friends in this county will always be interested in his movements. The fact that he is sent to so important a charge is very gratifying to his many friends here.—*Salisbury Truth-Index.*

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The Status of Porto Rico and the Philippines.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Dec'r 18.—In the Supreme Court to day the Government arguments in the Goetze case and Diamond rings case, involving the status of Porto Rico and the Philippines, was presented by Attorney General Griggs. He contended that the United States has power to acquire territory, and, that having acquired it, has a right to govern it; that the administrative construction of the congressional action and judicial precedent affirm that everyport in ceded territory is properly regarded as foreign until the laws are extended by congress to new possessions, and that the clause in the constitution of the United States declaring that duties shall be uniform throughout the United States are not applicable to any new possessions, and that the constitution does not extend of its own sorce over acquired territory.

Facts for Women

Any article, whatever its merit, must be made known to the public by means of advertising. Advertising, however, though it can do much for a thing, cannot do everything. It may create a sale for a time, but in order to insure a lasting demand the thing advertised must have solid worth.

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Facts About the Good Being Done by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in Cases of Change of Life, Bearing-Down Pains, Etc.

"I had falling, inflammation and ulceration of the womb; backache, bearing-down pains; was so weak and nervous that I could not do my own work; had sick headache, no appetite, numb spells, hands and feet cold all the time. I had good doctors, but none of them did me any good. Through the advice of a lady friend I began the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and after taking one bottle I felt greatly relieved, and by the time I had used several bottles was completely cured, so that I could do my work again. I am now passing through the change of life and using your Compound. It helps me wonderfully. I want every suffering woman to know what your medicine has done for me."—MRS. W. M. BULL, New Palestine, Mo.

"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound saved my life and gave back a loving mother to eleven children, which was more than any doctor could have done or any other medicine in the wide world. My trouble was childbed fever. The third day after my babe was born I took a chill, which was followed by a high fever. I would perspire until my clothes were as wet as though dipped in a tub of water. The chills and fever kept up for three days. My daughter got me a bottle of your Compound. The fourth dose stopped the chills, and the fever also disappeared. My life was saved. My age at this critical time was forty-nine."—LYDIA E. BOUGHER, Etna, Pa.

Facts About Two Cases of Falling of the Uterus Recovered by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"I suffered for fifteen years without finding any relief. I tried doctors, but nothing seemed to do me any good. I had falling of the womb, leucorrhœa, pain in the back and head, and those bearing-down pains. One bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did me so much good that I sent for four more, also two boxes of Liver Pills and one package of Sanative Wash. After using these I felt like a new woman."—MRS. G. A. WINTER, Glidden, Ia., Box 220.

"I was suffering with falling of the womb, painful menstruation, headache, backache, pain in groins, extending into the limbs; also a terrible pain at left of womb. The pain in my back was dreadful during menstruation, and my head would ache until I would be nearly crazy. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has given me great relief. I suffer no pain now, and I give your medicine all the praise."—MRS. J. P. MCSPADDEN, Rosenberg, Tex.

A Grateful Woman Recommends Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to Every Wife and Mother.

"I have taken eight bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound with most gratifying results. I had been married four years and had two children. I was all run down, had falling of womb with all its distressing symptoms. I had doctored with a good physician, but I derived very little good from his treatment. After taking a few bottles of your medicine, I was able to do my work and nurse my seven-months'-old babe. I recommend your medicine to every wife and mother. Had I time, I could write much more in its praise. I bid you Godspeed in your good work."—MRS. L. A. MORRIS, Welaka, Putnam Co., Fla.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—When I commenced the use of your remedies I was very badly off. Every two weeks I was troubled with flowing spells which made me very weak. I had two of the best doctors, but they did not seem to help me. They said my trouble was caused from weakness and was nothing to worry about. I felt tired all the time; had no ambition. I was growing worse all the time until I began the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I am now able to help about the house, and am much improved in health."—MRS. A. WALKER, Callicoon Depot, N. Y.

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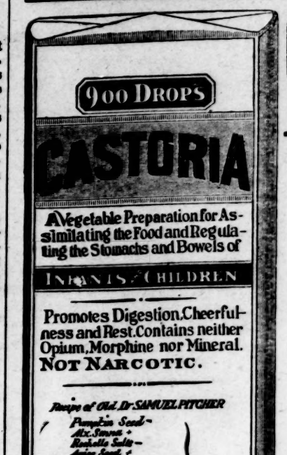
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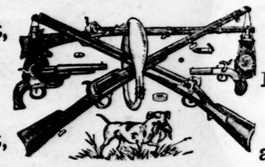

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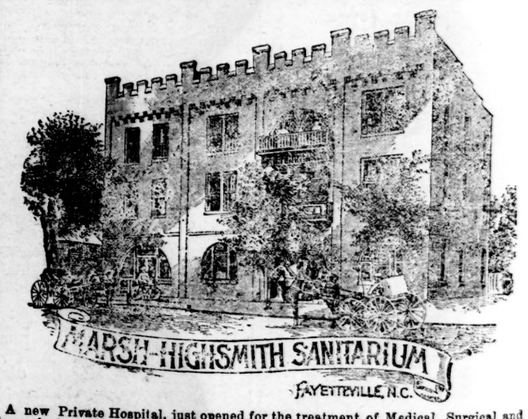

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Mr. Elijah Shepherd is having a handsome cottage erected on the vacant lot next to Dr. Patterson's on Rowan street, and, when completed, he will bring his family from Sanford here to live.

Married.

At Roslin, on December 13th, 1900, by John Smith, J. P., Mr. Hemon Deavers and Miss Jane Bullard, all of Hope Mills, No. 1.

Attention Farmers and Fruit Growers.

The attention of those of our readers who are engaged in farming, or fruit growing, or trucking, is called to the letter elsewhere printed from Mr. Frank in Sherman, the State Entomologist. The work which he is anxious to do for North Carolina in the line of his specialty will be of incalculable benefit. Especially does fruit growing, in this section at least, suffer insect blights of some sort.

An Enjoyable Reception.

The Sampson Democrat of last week contains the following item of local interest:

A very enjoyable reception was tendered on Monday night, complimentary to the charming Miss Bessie Davis, of Fayetteville, who is on a visit to Miss Kate Draughon, by that lover of young folks company, Mrs. R. B. Smith, near town, under the strain of martial music made by violin, banjo, guitar and flute of local talent. The dance was kept up until about midnight when the company bade the hostess good night. It was indeed a pleasant gathing of the belles and beaux. The stags of the party were Preston Stevens, W. J. Pugh, William Barden and Captain Pace.

The Pension Warrants Here.

The Register of Deeds received the warrants for Cumberland county pensioners, from the State Auditor, for 1900, Saturday afternoon.

There are 126 of these warrants, divided as follows:

First Class, 5; paying $58, against $64 last year.

Second Class, 11; paying $43 50, against $48 last year.

Third Class, 16; paying $29, against $32 last year.

Fourth Class, 46; paying $14 50, against $16 last year.

Widows, 49; paying $14 50, against $16 last year.

The number in the first and second class is the same as last year. In the third class three have died since last year; in the fourth class two have died and there are five fewer widows.

A Queer Bet.

Mr. F. R. Rose, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, received a letter Monday from Dr. E. Sanford (an old Fayetteville name) in Texas, stating that he had made a bet with a friend that there was no whipping of mill operatives in Fayetteville, despite the stir the press accounts of the alleged whipping was causing at the North.

Mr. Rose, of course, wrote him that he had lost his bet, and then explained the matter, as it has so often been explained in these columns. He told Dr. Sanford that there was a silk mill in operation here by one of the largest silk manufacturing firms in the world, which is using negro labor exclusively; that it is owned by northern people, including such well known men as Mr. John Wannamaker, the late Vice-President Hobart and Mr. Dwight Ashley, and that it has a well educated negro for superintendent, who employs only the very best class of negroes, and in doing so gets the consent of the parents of the younger employes to correct them with the switch if they do not behave. He further told Dr. Sanford that the enterprise is such a success that the owners are contemplating the erection of another factory and that they will find no trouble in securing plenty of good colored workers.

Funeral of Miss Deming.

The funeral of the late Miss Sarah Deming took place Sunday afternoon from Hay street Methodist church, Rev. W. L. Cuninggim officiating, in the presence of a large congregation. The interment was in Cross Creek cemetery. The following were the pall bearers: Messrs. A. Garrason, J. B. Troy, W. W. Cole, A. E. Rankin, C. W. Elliott, B. C. Gorham, J. M. Lamb and W. S. Cook

A SAD TRAGEDY.

One Boy Kills Another Accidentally

There was enacted on Person street, Saturday evening about dusk, one of the saddest tragedies that ever occurred in our midst. Two white boys were swapping pistols, when one of the weapons accidently exploded, dealing death to one of the young men instantly.

Charlie Jones and Charles Byrd were on their way to their homes in Campbellton late Saturday afternoon, and fell to discussing pistols. Jones had just had his pistol repaired, but had no cartridges. Byrd had a pistol also and nine cartridges. So he loaded his weapon and gave the other boy the four remaining cartridges, which he also placed in the chambers of his pistol, By this time they had reached Mr. B. G. Hollingsworth's corner, and there stopped to talk to Master Alfred Hollingsworth, Mr. Charles Andrews and Superintendent Knight, of the Knitting mill. During the conversation the boys again brought up the subject of pistols, and Jones offered to trade his weapon, which was a 32 calibre, hammerless, Harrington & Richardson, for the one Byrd had. In extracting the pistol from his inside breast pocket, it got caught in the lining, and he gave it a sudden jerk which brought it out, directed at Byrd's breast, when it exploded, the ball entering just below the collar bone, taking a downward course and came out below the left shoulder blade. Byrd reeled and fell into the arms of Mr. Knight, where he expired without a sound, killed by one of his own bullets.

Young Jones, who was wild with grief, came up town and reported the matter, giving himself up to Chief of Police Flowers.

Dr. John MacRae summoned a coroner's jury and held an inquest at once, the result being a verdict of accidental homicide.

The funeral of the unfortunate victim, who was a son of Mr. Ab Byrd, ex-Chief of Police, which was largely attended, took place Sunday afternoon from Campbellton Methodist church, Rev. W. L. Cuninggim officiating.

Charlie Jones, who is an orphan and a cripple, is a very bright and polite young man, and has many friends. In the summer time he sells shad, and this winter he has been purchasing loose cotton, doing a good business just across the river.

It is a very sad case, and should be a warning against the carrying of pistols, which is entirely too much the fashion these days.

Again Bereaved.

Mr. K. E. Easterling, of the OBSERVER force, who only last week returned from the funeral of his brother at Bennettsville, received a telegram from that place last Monday announcing the death of his sister, and he left that afternoon to attend the funeral.

A High Compliment.

The "Central Presbyterian," of Richmond, Va., of last week, contained the following item:

FAYETTEVILLE.—The handsome pipe organ for the Presbyterian Church, costing over $2,000, and requiring two or three dozen large packages for its transportation, has arrived from a Baltimore factory, and will be put up at once by the builder, Mr. A. Stein. It is pronounced by experts a fine instrument, worthy of even Mrs. W. G. Hall, one of the most accomplished organists in the South.

From York's Home.

The Ashboro Courier, the paper published at J. L. York's home, has the following in reference to his recent conviction:

There is something peculiar about this case. In this day when the commercial and mercantile agencies have representatives in every town and hamlet and are in constant communication with representatives and members, and it is so easy to ascertain the character and standing of almost any individual living anywhere, and especially is it so in this instance, as York lived in so large a place as Fayetteville and it was known that he had been connected with shady matters before, particularly with mineraline, a kind of soapstone used in the adulteration of flour and other things.

The strange part of the matter is that he should accomplish so much without a confederate—some one or more persons who had influence in the commercial world. While it is true that neat and well-printed stationery carries with it a business like idea, yet such tricks have been resorted to before, and business men do not extend credit on the strength alone of attractive stationery.

It is said that even while in jail he was the most elegantly dressed inmate that had ever been in any of these jails. During all the time of his imprisonment he maintained his self-possession, and during his trial he was the best dressed person in court.

York's father and relatives in this county are reputable people and have the confidence of those who know them.

"Donaldson Boys."

Of all the reminisences from "B's" graceful pen, none are more thoroughly enjoyed and none have touched the heartstrings of his comrades as the last, "Old Hundred" has done.

In the deepening twilight of a December Day, three "Donaldson boys," who have reached three score years, sat by the fireside of another veteran in 71st and tears were in more than one pair of eyes as they talked of "old Daniel" and "Old Hundred" and recognized in their number the man who "put the ball over the Haigh lot" and went up to the cannon's mouth at Gettysburg just as fearlessly.

They would express their appreciation of the graceful tribute and their recognition of the writer's worth on the side of right in all questions that concern the welfare of the commonwealth.

[The above was reported to us this morning by one of our charming young lady correspondents of 71st.]

Fayetteville Mail Pouch Robbed.

Since Thursday, a great number of our citizens expecting mail from the South have been disappointed at not receiving any.

Last Saturday the matter was explained when Postmaster McCaskill received a large batch of letters, all of which had been torn open, from the postmaster at Sanford, who wrote that the Fayetteville mail pouch, which had arrived on the northbound Seaboard at Sanford Thursday morning at 2 o'clock, and which had been stored in the depot, until the departure of the A. C. L. freight for Fayetteville, three hours later, had been stolen. He stated that about noon Thursday two boys came to his office with about a hundred letters, all addressed to Fayetteville people, and half of the mail pouch. The letters were all opened at one end, and the mail pouch had been cut in two. The boys said they could not find the other half of the pouch. What plunder the robbers carried off is not yet known, though it is thought that the letters they left behind did not contain any money or checks. They may have taken letters containing such. Several of the letters which were found were addressed to the Bank of Fayetteville and to Mr. Edwards, President of the National Bank of Fayetteville, but these had not contained anything valuable.

Methodist Statistics.

Rev. W. L. Cuninggim is now engaged in doing his last work as Secretary of the North Carolina Conference in Fayetteville. He has just finished completing Conference statistics. He finds that there was a gain of 1,135 church members during the year.

The collections for foreign missions are shown to be larger than ever before, and a larger appropriation was made for home missions than ever before. The Methodists in the State have now in the process of erection a number of fine churches, among them is the one at Rocky Mount, costing probably $12,000; one at Oxford, costing $20,000; one at Wilson, equally as costly; and a $12,000 church at Elizabeth City.

Special Meeting of Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners held a special meeting Monday, with Chairman A. B. Williams, W. H. Downing and J. J. Bullard, present. The only business transacted was the presentation and acceptance of the bonds of Sheriff Burns, Treasurer Troy and Clerk of the Court, McKethan. Register of Deeds McPherson's bond was accepted at the meeting on the first of the month.

Fayetteville Boy Has A Narrow Escape.

The Wilmington Star of Monday has the following item:

"A horse behind which Mr. W. M. Decker, Jr., and Miss Minnie Vollers, of Point Caswell, were driving in a buggy, ran away on the turnpike Sunday afternoon and both occupants of the vehicle narrowly escaped being seriously injured by being thrown out and dragged some distance. One of the shafts was broken and pulling against the other the horse turned the buggy over."

Mr. Decker is an operator in the Postal-Cable office in Wilmington.

Truelove vs. Moonshine.

Truelove does not always run smooth, though it may run mighty fast. Monday Deputy Collector Sutton and a posse of Revenue officers went into Harnett, that portion that is called crooked corner. Just in front of R. S. Truelove's house, in the swamp, on a clear branch, they found a fine bush arbor, underneath which was a mammoth illicit still, boiling hot, with heavy smoke ascending in the air. The deputy collector had the sagacity to place a trusted sentinel on the summit of the hill in the direction of the dwelling and soon after the axes began to fly into the tubs, still, etc., a man was seen coming hastily from the direction of the house with a gun thrown across his shoulder. The sentinel commanded a halt and he immediately drew his gun for action, but the sentinel having a trusty double barrel gun, was too quick for the trespasser and let both barrels fly. He could not have been hurt very much, however, for Nancy Hanks could not have made faster time. The officers proceeded to destroy the property, twelve fermenters and mash tubs, caps and worms and about two hundred gallons of beer.

The Extra Session and Our River.

If, as our dispatches indicated Monday afternoon, the River and Harbor bill does not pass this Congress, and the President calls an extra session, it will give our congressmen and senators, and the chamber of commerce, plenty of time to present the strong case of the needed improvement to the Cape Fear to the proper Federal authorities.

In speaking of the effort being made in this direction, the Wilmington Star of recent date says:

Messrs. A. H. Slocomb, W. L. Holt, W. S. Cook, Herbert Lutterloh, E. H. Williamson and E. J. Hale are in Washington as a committee from the Chamber of Commerce at Fayetteville to urge before the River and Harbor Committee of Congress the passage of the appropriation for the upper Cape Fear river improvement, detailed reference to which has been made in these columns several times within the past few months. The committee went in response to a telegram stating that they would be heard last night. The committee is also charged with an important matter by which it is hoped to secure a public building for Fayetteville. Copies of the report of a committee appointed to prepare a statement as to the desirability of the river improvement have been printed and are being mailed by the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce to all members of the legislature, mayors and commercial bodies in the State.

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A Lovely Home Wedding.

Miss Eula May McDonald and Mr. William Archibald McMillan were married at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. E. A. McDonald, on Gillespie street. Rev. H. Tucker Graham performed the ceremony, in the beautifully decorated drawing room, in the presence of the relatives and a few friends of the young couple. Miss Maggie Belle McDonald, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Mr. Thos. Green was best man. The bride was handsomely gowned in a castor cloth traveling suit and carried a lovely bouquet of bride's roses. Little Miss Edna Jennings was flower girl, and she and the maid of honor, both charmingly attired, carried pretty bouquets of carnations. When Mrs. Robeson played the wedding march and the little party grouped around the minister, it was indeed a charming picture.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom were driven to the A. C. L. station, where they took the 4:30 o'clock train for Jacksonville, Fla

The bride was one of Fayetteville's loveliest young women and goes to her new home with the best wishes of a large number of warm friends. The groom, a former Fayetteville boy, is a member of the firm of McMillan Bros. and has charge of the Jacksonville works of that firm.

Some idea of the popularity of this young couple could be had by the numerous handsome and costly gifts they received.

McRAE-WATSON NUPTIALS.

Impressive Church Ceremony—Beautiful Decorations and Music.

Hay Street Methodist Church was crowded at 11 o'clock Wednesday the occasion being the marriage of Mr. Walter Sherwood McRae, a much esteemed young business man of this city, and Miss Beatrice Guelph Watson, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watson, one of the loveliest of the many beautiful Fayetteville women, and as sweet and charming in the gracious qualities of mind and heart as she is fair in person—Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, pastor of the church, performing the impressive ceremony.

The bridal party entered the church, with the ushers, Dr. Neill McRae, and Messrs. A. B. Williams, Jr., H. P. Elliott and Roy H. McDuffie, with carnation boutonnieres, preceding them down the aisles, followed by Mrs John Garrason, dame of honor, the groom and his best man, Capt. N. H. McGeachey, and, last, the bride with her brother, Capt. E. T. Watson.

The chancel presented a striking picture of tasteful and artistic floral decoration in palms, ferns, pines and other evergreen, surmounted and lighted by a dazzling quadruplex crown of wax candles.

The music, conducted by the gifted organist, Mrs. W. A. Robeson, was exceptionally fine, the "waiting" piece being the intermezzo Cavaliera Rusticana; organ and flute by Mr. Stigleman; the party entered to the processional of the Battle March of Lohengrin, and left the church to the wedding march of Mendellsohn; Mrs. T. C. Williams delightfully rendered "Because I Have Loved You Dear" with a voice of rare sweetness and power.

The bride's gown was an elegant costume of violet cloth, with purple velvet and ecrue applique trimming, hat of violet velvet and silk, and her bouquet was of bridal roses. Her going-away dress was of blue broadcloth, blue velvet hat, and handsome red fox furs.

The dame of honor was very sweet and dainty in a gown of silk duchess poplin, with white and gold applique trimmings, and her flowers were pink carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. McRae, amid showers of rice and warm good wishes, left on the Atlantic Coast Line R. R. at 12:30 o'clock for a Northern tour.

Mr. L. C. Jones, of the A. C. L., has been spending a few days at home.

Mr. J. H. Hart, of New York, arrived in the city yesterday and is a welcome guest.

A. B. WILLIAMS,
COTTON BUYER,
HAY STREET,
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

FAYETTEVILLE MARKETS

REVISED DAILY.

COTTON	
Good Middling, new cotton	9¼
Middling	9¼
Strict Low Middling	9¼
NAVAL STORES	
Spirits	35
Common Rosin	1 10
Virgin	2 20
Yellow Dip	2 20
Hard	1 20

PRODUCE

REPORTED BY A. S. HUSKE, GROCER.

Flour—1st pat., sack,	$2.40@2.65
Family Flour—straight	$2.00 @ 2.20
Hides—dry—per lb.	10@12
" —green—per lb.	6a6½
Wool—washed	15@20
Bacon—hog round per lb	10½a11
" —ham	13a14
" —sides—	10½a11½
" —shoulders—	10
Oats—32 lbs per bushel	35a40
Peas—clay	80a1.00
" —mixed	80 a 90
" —white,	1 00a1.25
Meal—bolted—46 lbs per bushel	60@65
" —unbolted—48 lbs per bushel	60@62½
Corn—56 lbs per bushel	60 a 62½
Lard—N. C.	11@12½
Tallow	4a5
Ducks	20@25
Hens—per head	22@25
Roosters—per head	20 a 22
Turkeys—per lb	7a9
Guineas	none
Geese	25 a 30
Country Butter	15@25
Honey—strained—per lb	7a8
Eggs,	20
Feathers—new	35 a 40
Potatoes—sweet	40a45
Pork	6 6½
Shucks	00a55
Fodder	85a1 00
Hay	45a50

A Conspiracy To Murder

McKinley, Roosevelt, Hanna and Depew.

The War Taxes to Be Reduced But Thirty Million.

High Price for Seat on Stock Exchange — Congressman Boutelle—Mines on Fire—Terrible Mistake of Boers.

Fifty One Thousand For a Seat.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, Dec. 19.—A record was made in the Stock Exchange today. A seat sold for $51,000

Missing Cashier Found.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Danver, Dec. 19.—W. M. Henderson, the missing cashier of the First National Bank, has been found in a small town near El Paso, Texas.

Kruger at Amsterdam.

By cable to the Observer.

Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—Mr. Kruger's reception today was a tremendous ovation. All business is suspended and the city is gaily decorated.

Congressman Boutelle.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Dec'r 19.—The House bill, authorizing the appointment of Congressman Boutelle as a Captain on the retired list of the Navy, passed the Senate to-day unopposed.

Another Steamer Disabled.

By cable to the Observer.

Ponta Delgaga, Azores, Dec. 19.—The North German Lloyd steamer Trier, Bremen, for New York, put in here with her machinery disordered. She has 630 passengers.

Denied.

By telegraph to the Observer.

West Point, Dec. 19.—Cadet Linton today denied to the court of inquiry that Booz was hazed. He admitted though that hazing was carried on. Col Bain testified that there were positive orders against "bracing" or any form of hazing.

Terrible Mistake of Boers.

By cable to the Observer.

Pretoria, Dec. 19.—Many burghers have been killed owing to a blunder made by the fighting Boers who set fire to a lot of stores abandoned by the British at Nooltgedacht. It included a lot of ammunition which the Boers supposed was quartermasters supplies, a terrific explosion followed and many persons were killed.

The Booz Case.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Westpoint, Dec'r 19.—The army court convened this morning, all the members being present. The first and second classes will be summoned to testify. The inquiry will probably extend until the end of the week. This morning a score of the members of the second class who were plebes with Booz were summoned early, to be called without delay.

The Mines on Fire.

By telegraph to the Observer

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 19.—The strike of the Kingston coal company may be ended today.

The fire at Laural Run, Pine Ridge and Delaware Collieries on Mill Creek gained steadily during the night and drove the fighters back some distance. It now threatens to be the most serious fire the district has known for years. Starting at the junction of three mines it spread in all directions and is eating its way along the workings despite the efforts of two hundred men. It may prove necessary to shut down the mines and flood them, a process which will cost many thousands of dollars.

Ship in Trouble.

By cable to the Observer.

London, Dec. 19.—The American Red Star liner Rhynland has been sighted off Scicily Islands in tow.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—The Rhynland arrived here this morning, hence it must be some other vessel seen off Scicily Islands.

War Taxes.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Thirty millions is the limit of the reduction that will be made in the war taxes. That is the fiat of the senators in charge of the Revenue bill passed last week in the House. Senators Aldrich and Allison, after a conference with Secretary Gage are convinced that a greater reduction would be unwise. The plan which it is expected will be adopted by the Senate is to accept the House bill as it stands with the exception of restoring the tax on bank checks.

A Great Conspiracy.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Chief of Police Sylvester has been informed of an alleged plot to kill McKinley, Roosevelt, Hanna and Depew. Hanna laughs at it. The police, however, are watching the reputed conspirators. Two men informed the authorities, but as one has joined the conspirators, to protect him, the names are withheld.

No More Government Reports.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, Dec. 19.—Special advices received by Superintendent King of the Cotton Exchange from Washington, state that Statistician Hyde, of the Agricultural Department will issue no extra cotton reports. His next statement for this season will be the final report.

News of Interest.

The British have suffered another reverse. A party of Brabant's Horse, consisting mainly of recruits, engaged a force of Boers December 13, near Zastron, Orange Free State, losing 4 killed, 16 wounded and 120 taken prisoners. The English say the Boer force was superior in number.

Mayor James G. Woodward, of Atlanta, Ga., was arrested and locked in the police barracks Monday night on the charge of being drunk. Some time ago for the same cause the city council and board of aldermen threatened impeachment proceedings against Mayor Woodward, but upon promises that he would abstain from further intoxication no action was taken.

NOT IN THE PLAY.

A Case Where Two Actors Displayed Presence of Mind.

A short time ago a great historical play was being given in an Italian theater. The king had to read his speech from the throne. He was surrounded by the court, all the representative nobles of the nation, the governors of the provinces and the heads of the army.

Clad in his magnificent robes (lined with rabbit skin) he stalked majestically across the stage, and, with fitting hauteur, slowly ascended the steps leading to the throne. Every one bowed low, and the chancellor handed to his majesty the parchment roll from which to read the royal speech.

All waited attentively to catch the words from the royal lips, but his majesty found, to his chagrin, that the roll was blank. The speech was long and had not been committed to memory.

It was impossible to get through it with the aid of the prompter, for he was too far away to render the needful service. A bright thought passed through the royal brain.

Having glanced over the roll as if to gather the gist of the speech, he again folded it and handed it back to the chancellor with the command:

"You read it."

The chancellor was somewhat put out, but dutifully took the roll and opened it, only to discover the royal pleasantry, whereupon, again rolling the parchment up and taking from his breast the resplendent tin order, he laid them together at the king's feet, with:

"Your majesty, as I cannot read the speech, I tender my resignation," and walked off the stage.

He Missed Her.

A speech which had a pathetic as well as an amusing side is said to have been made by an old New Hampshire man on the occasion of his second wedding.

"Neighbors," he said to those who had witnessed the simple ceremony, "you all know that this good friend that's consented to marry me is something of a stranger in our town. Now, I feel kind of insufficient, being only a man, to make her acquainted with everybody as quick as I'd like to. So I'm a-going to depend on you women folks," he added, with a confiding smile at the members of the gentler sex, "to make her feel at home among us, just as my first wife would do if she was here today. I miss her consid'rable all the time, but more'n usual on an occasion like this!"

Two Great Objects.

"They say," remarked the very cynical person, "that in this corrupt and superficial age the great object is not to be found out."

"That shows you have very little experience with bill collectors," answered the impecunious friend. "My great object is not to be found in."—Washington Star.

Spinsters.

Unmarried women are called spinsters, or spinning women, because it was a maxim among our forefathers that a young woman should not marry until she had spun enough linen to furnish her house. All unmarried, old or young, were then called spinsters, a name still retained in all legal documents.

Trying It on the Building.

Markleigh—Your office seems badly mussed up. Have you no janitor?

Barkleigh—We have one, but since he became a faith curist he has been giving the office "absent treatment."—Baltimore American.

A story first heard at a mother's knee is seldom forgotten, and the same may be said of other things received at a mother's knee, which will readily recur to the reader.—Chicago News.

No Humor In Them.

Giles—I don't like that barber's funny anecdotes.

Miles—Why, what's wrong with them?

Giles—The illustrations are painful.

Miles—The illustrations?

Giles—Yes; he uses original cuts.—Chicago News.

Easy.

Benham—There isn't room here to swing a cat.

Mrs. Benham—Then we won't have a cat.—Brooklyn Life.

The Conceited Peer.

A certain conceited nobleman once observed to Charles Townsend, "When I happen to say a foolish thing, I always burst out a-laughing." Townsend eyed him curiously and at length remarked in the most deliberate manner, "Ah, I envy you your happiness, for you must certainly live the merriest life of any man in Europe."

When you are invited to a real old fashioned woman's house for supper, she always has floating island. This is a sure test.—Atchison Globe.

The temple of fame stands upon the grave. The flame that burns upon its altars is kindled from the ashes of dead men.

Headqu'rs Fayetteville Camp, 825, U. C. V.

All members of this camp are requested and urged to meet in the Town Hall Saturday, the 29th, at 11 o'clock. Matters of interest will be brought before you.

J. N. PRIOR, Adjutant. J. B. SMITH, Commandant.

NOTICE.

Application will be made to the next General Assembly of North Carolina to amend the charter of the Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad Company.

JNO. BLUE, Pres't.

Dec. 12, 1900.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of Mary Ann Collins, deceased, late of Cumberland county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of December, 1901, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment

This 12th day of December, 1900.

JOSHUA COUNCIL, Administrator.

S. H. MacRAE, Attorney.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the next General Assembly of North Carolina, at its next session, 1901, for a charter for a Savings Bank to be located in Fayetteville, N. C.

W. J. EDWARDS.
W. A. VANSTORY,
D. H. RAY.

Nov. 22nd.

CHRISTMAS GOODS

OF EVERY VARIETY AND THE LOWEST PRICES.

Beautiful Dressed Dolls from 25c. up.

SCHOOL BOOKS AND STAPLE GOODS ALWAYS ON HAND AT

THE NEW BOOK STORE CO.,

MISS DELLA MATTHEWS. Next door to Horne's drug store. MRS. M. HINSDALE.

SOMETHING NEW.

BUGGIES, PHAETONS and SURREYS.

We can give some valuable extras, without charge, that smaller buyers cannot afford to give.

These Goods are perfectly reliable and have been bought as cheap as the dry cash will buy them.

☞ Come and see us at our new ware room south of store. ☜

A. E. RANKIN CO.

Did You Know We are Selling

Flour, Corn, Meal, Bacon, Lard, Coffee, Sugar, Cheese,

in fact all Groceries, as cheap, if not cheaper, than you can buy the same in this town? A trial will convince you of the fact.

QUICK SALES AND SMALL PROFITS IS OUR MOTTO.

Bring your produce at the market price and buy what you need at the lowest market price and be convinced that we mean what we say.

R. A. MELVIN,
N. E. Corner Market Square,
Fayetteville, N. C.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON

is at hand, and every mind is more or less busy devising "ways and means" of enjoying the "glad occasion" to the fullest extent. One of the prime requisites to perfect enjoyment is GOOD DIGESTION. To insure good digestion you must have pure, wholesome bread, just the kind you get if you use PERFECTION Flour. ALWAYS the BEST and CHEAPEST flour sold in Fayetteville. Your Christmas baking—pies, cakes pastry and breads—will be a success if you use PERFECTION. Per barrel, $3.00; sack, $2.50; 49 pound sack, $1 25; 24 pound sack, 65c—free city delivery.

They Are Going Fast.

Those light-running WAGONS of ours Take your pick—Florence, Milburn, or Russell. 12 months guarantee with each They'll last for years with proper treatment. Payable so much down and balance in monthly instalments, if desired

A select assortment of the best Harness for wagon or buggy.

Heavy Groceries of all kinds—FRESH GOODS, LOW PRICES, at wholesale or retail.

LIVE STOCK FEED, all kinds, all the time.

FERTILIZERS. Costs you nothing to get prices—may save you money.

Q. K. NIMOCKS,

'Phone 56. Wholesale and Retail Grocer. 10 Hay street, Fayetteville, N. C.

A CHRISTMAS BLAZE

that will bring calamity to the household is apt to be started from slight causes, and it is well to have your property insured by that time or any other time, as Santa Claus may refuse to enter the house so neglected unless it is to present your wife and family with a voucher for the security of home and household goods in the shape of a policy written by us.

All kinds of insurance, LIFE, FIRE, ACCIDENT, EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY, WORKMAN'S COLLECTIVE, STEAM BOILER, etc.

Bonds promptly executed on the spot.

Rates reasonable.

Nimocks & Cook,

(Phone 56.) General Insurance Agents, 10 Hay st., Fayetteville, N. C.

FURNITURE! FURNITURE!

It is not my intention to sell my Furniture by large attractive advertisements. I simply drop in an advertisement to remind you that

"The Old Reliable Newberry Furniture House"

is the place to get all kind of new, latest designed Furniture at the very lowest prices. I invite you to call when you are wanting anything in my line, and I feel sure that the prices and quality will sell the goods.

C. B. NEWBERRY.

DON'T FORGET WE HAVE THE TOYS, BRIDAL PRESENTS AND XMAS GOODS of all kinds.

10 per cent. on all sales goes to Charity, and we will sell you goods as cheap, if not cheaper, than you can get buy where else.

HOLLINGSWORTH & CO.

☞ Only 4 sets of Children's MUFF SETS left. ☜

FOR XMAS

Keuffel's

BON BONS AND CHOCOLATES

in one, two and three pound packages — always an acceptable present.

Cinco Cigars,

the smoker's favorite brand, in boxes of 25 and 50.

A well selected line of fine Perfumes, Toilet Articles, Brush and Comb Sets, Mirrors, Pipes, Fancy Playing Cards, &c.

H. R. HORNE & SONS.

XMAS GIFTS

that are NOW most Popular:

EBONY Hair Brushes and Combs, in sets with and without mirrors.

—also—

ALUMINUM Hair Brushes and Combs, and Sets with Tray and Mirrors,

See our fine Perfumery in attractive packages for the holiday trade. Fine Toilet Soaps, fine Cigars, Pipes and Tobacco.

KING BROTHERS,

Hotel LaFayette Building.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the next General Assembly of North Carolina to amend the Stock Law of Cross Creek and Carver's Creek Townships, Cumberland county.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure
"Digests what you eat."

NORTH CAROLINA, CUMBERLAND COUNTY. } In the Superior Court before the Clerk.

Joshua Council, Administrator of Mary Ann Collins, deceased, vs. Henry C. Collins and Kippie Loula Collins, Heirs-at-Law. } Notice of Summons.

The defendant, Henry C. Collins, above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland county by the said administrator of Mary Ann Collins against the heirs-at-law for the sale of a certain tract of land situated on the South side of Western Plank Road, about four miles from Fayetteville, containing about thirty acres, to make assets for the payment of debts and costs of administration. And said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court in Fayetteville, N. C., on January 29th, 1901, at 12 o'clock M., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This 15th day of December, 1900

A. A. McKETHAN,
Clerk Superior Court.

Prevention
better than cure. Tutt's Liver Pills will not only cure, but if taken in time will prevent
Sick Headache,
dyspepsia, biliousness, malaria, constipation, jaundice, torpid liver and kindred diseases.
TUTT'S Liver PILLS
ABSOLUTELY CURE.

Life Insurance.

Mrs. S. W. Tillinghast has received three thousand dollars, the amount of the policy on the life of her husband, Mr. S W. Tillinghast, in the Order of the Knights and Ladies of Honor.

Case Referred to Postoffice Department,

In the case of Charles Simmons, colored, of this city, on trial before the Federal court at Raleigh, on the charge of opening a registered letter, the Judge referred the matter to the Post-office Department for investigation,

Marriage Last Week.

Mr. Charles A. King was married last week to Miss Mattie J. Wade, the handsome daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. H. Wade. The ceremony, which took place at the residence of the bride's parents, was performed by Rev. H. Tucker Graham, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Announcement of Marriage of Miss Kate Underwood.

The following invitations were last week sent to out of town friends of the young couple mentioned
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boykin Underwood
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Kate Haigh
to
Mr. James A. Moore,
on Wednesday evening December the twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred,
at seven o'clock,
Saint John's Church,
Fayetteville, North Carolina.

The Turners of Sandy Run in Raleigh.

A year or two ago the OBSERVER published an account of the Turner family with a sketch of their uneavory record. A few weeks later the old man Sam, Tom, or "Goose," Shep and the entire family razed their tents on the banks of Sandy Run and migrated to Wilmington, and the OBSERVER hailed their departure with joy. The Wilmington papers announced their arrival, but did not give them the usual welcome.

They remained in Wilmington about a year, but the climate was not like that of Sandy Run, and there were no streams which smelled of moonshine, like clear, babbling little Sandy Run, so they returned to their native sand-hills and have since been plying their old trade—moonshining themselves, and making frequent trips to Wilmington or Raleigh as witnesses against other moonshiners, or alleged moonshiners, for if they could not find a moonshiner they would make one to order.

One of this breed has just been trapped in Raleigh, as the following from yesterday's News and Observer will show. Turner, however, is a white man and not a negro, as our contemporary states:

If you had been in the Federal court yesterday morning you would have obtained a peep behind the curtain and learned something of the disgraceful manner in which the revenue business in North Carolina is conducted.

It came out in the evidence on two trials that Shep Turner, a negro who seems to make a living by acting as detective for revenue officials, in Cumberland county, is a man of the worst possible character, not hesitating to threaten weak-minded witnesses with violence in order to make them swear to suit him. The record of the court shows further that the revenue officials knew this, and yet, when Shep Turner was arraigned in court on Wednesday for subornation of perjury, these facts were not laid before the judge, but the case against Shep Turner was nol prossed, it being urged that he was "a useful man to the officers in his section."

Shep Turner left for home and was probably there yesterday when the cases against Peter Camel and Luther McNeill, for perjury, were tried.

The testimony against them was conclusive, showing that on November 6th at Fayetteville, in the trial of Pitt Deal for retailing, both Peter and Luther had sworn that they bought whisky from Deal and went into details as to the circumstances of the purchase. A month later, when arrested, they both acknowledged that they had sworn to what was not true, but told the court that they did so on account of threats made against them by the negro, Shep Turner, when working up the case.

"He told me," said Peter, "that the officers were on his side and he had the law to summon who he pleased to the trial, and if I didn't go and tell what he told me he would put me to death—that he would kill me and burn my house. I laid out in the woods two nights because I was afraid of him."

Luther McNeill's testimony was much to the same effect. He said he lived with his sister on the land of Shep Turner's grandfather.

Judge Purnell—"Issue a process for Turner and have him brought here."

Mr. Spears—"We'll tend to him."

Judge Purnell—"Wasn't he before the court yesterday and discharged?"

Mr. Spears—"He was, but I didn't know the facts then."

"It seems to me we ought to make an example of some of these perjurers who are coming up here, but I don't think there are proper subjects. Let them be discharged, and, Mr. Clerk, make out papers for Shep Turner's arrest at once."

Mr. Chas. P. Sales, who, as railway mail clerk, has made Fayetteville headquarters for the past year or two, has been promoted to chief clerk of railway mail service, with headquarters at Lynchburg. Mr. Sales has been quite a familiar figure on our streets, and he will be missed by his many friends.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Organization of "The National Bank of Fayetteville."

The stockholders met Wednesday night of last week at the law offices of Messrs. Robinson & Shaw and proceeded to the organization of "The National Bank of Fayetteville" with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars scribed.

The meeting was quite a large and representative one. Articles of association were properly prepared and signed, as was also a certificate of organization.

The following persons were elected directors: D. H. Ray, W. A. Vanstory, Herbert Latterloh, George A. Overbaugh and E. H. Williamson, of Fayetteville; H. E. Clement and W. J. Edwards, of Sanford, John W. McLauchlin, of Raeford, and W. J. Johnson, of Red Springs. W. J. Edwards was elected president. The election of the other officers of the bank was postponed until the next meeting.

Among the stockholders are W. J. Edwards and H. E. Clement, of Sanford, M. H. Finney, of Thomasville, W. H. Britton, of Timberland, T. B. Upchurch & Bro., and John W. McLauchlin, of Raeford, W. H. Sikes and W. J. Johnson, of Red Springs, J. C. Johnson, of Lumber Bridge, D. H. Ray, Bevill & Vanstory, George A. Overbaugh, L. A. Williamson, Herbert Latterloh, J. W. Hollingsworth, J. W. Ingold, E. H. Williamson, D. H. Graves, Dr. J. V. McGougan, George M. Rose, R. D. Jones, N. E Bunting, E. A. Poe, I. W. Clark and R. A. Southerland, of Fayetteville, and Judge George H. Brown, Jr., of Washington, N. C.

The directors decided upon the purchase of the Johnson building between the Nimocks building and Beasley's store, three doors from the Market on Hay street, and we understand that it is the intention of the bank to thoroughly equip the building with the latest banking outfit. With the favorable start which this organization has, and backed as it is by men of large capital and influence, we predict for it the greatest measure of success. It will undoubtedly be a great benefit to the community. The bank will begin active operation as soon as the furniture and equipment arrive.

Mr. W. J. Edwards, the president, is a native North Carolinian and is now president of The Bank of Sanford and The Bank of Maxton. He was, for fourteen years before entering upon the banking business, purchasing agent for the S. A. L. System.

The personnel of the stockholders and directors represents the very highest class of our citizenship and is composed of the most thoroughgoing business men of this section of North Carolina.

Mr. Cuninggim and His Successor.

Our community will no doubt be pleased to know that Rev. W. L. Cuninggim expects to spend the Christmas holidays with us before departing for his new field of labor in Durham, to which he expects to go shortly after Christmas. He conducted the prayer meeting services in the lecture room last night at the usual hour, and will continue to hold all the public services of the church as usual up to the time of his departure. It is needless to say that this community regrets to part with Mr. Cuninggim, for he has won the affections of his own people and the esteem of all, as few are capable of doing. He will prove a most valuable acquisition to the moral and religious forces of any city, and our sister city of Durham may consider herself fortunate indeed in having secured him as one of her ministers.

The regret so universally shared at at the approaching departure of Mr. Cuninggim will be softened, however, by a knowledge of the fact that he is to be succeeded by one of the brightest and best members of the conference. His successor, Rev. T. A. Smoot, is a young man of some 30 or 31 years of age, is a graduate of Trinity College and Vanderbilt University, and for several years past has occupied a responsible position as professor in Greensboro Female College, which he has filled with conspicuous ability. His work has not been confined to teaching, but he has always preached on every available occasion, and he comes to us with some nine or ten years experience as a preacher. He has filled several important pastorates temporarily in the absence of the regular pastor, including Newberne, Wilmington, Greensboro and others, and his work has always been eminently satisfactory.

Election of Substitute Teachers—Two Weeks Holiday.

The board of trustees of the Fayetteville Graded School met Wednesday of last week, Chairman J. M. Lamb presiding, and Messrs. A. B. Williams, A. A. MacKethan and W. S. Cook present. It was decided to give the school two weeks Christmas holiday, beginning on next Monday.

The following young ladies were elected as substitute teachers to take the place of any of the teachers that may be sick or wish to be absent, and no teacher will be allowed to absent themselves without first notifying the superintendent so that he may secure the substitute: Miss Frances Dockery, Miss Pauline Cole, Miss Maud Haigh.

Fire Last Week.

Wednesday night last week fire was discovered issuing from the fruit stand of Mr. J. T. Wright on the corner of Anderson and Hay streets, but the flames had made such progress that when the Fire Company arrived they could only save the shell of the little building. It had been completely gutted, and all the contents, valued at about $150, destroyed. There was no insurance, and it is a bad loss to the young man who had just started in business and was doing well.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure
"Digests what you eat."

WINGS.

The gods but half reluctantly
Grant us the gift of song;
Yet, tawny throat, they give to thee
Pure notes and pinions strong.

To those blue worlds that arch above
We look, aspire—and fail.
Then, thou dost mount the skies we love,
The stars we never scale.

Thou knowest not, winged soul, the fires
Of that old discord strange,
The vast and infinite desires,
The all too finite range.

So sing for us! Our throats are still,
And song no solace brings—
To whom the gods have given the will,
But not, alas, the wings!
—Arthur Stringer in Ainslee's Magazine.

THE DATE OF THE FLOOD.

Bible Facts on Which the Bishop Based His Question.

Some people had fun over the reported rejection of eight candidates for the African Methodist ministry in the south by the examining bishop because they could not tell the date of the flood. Nevertheless the bishop who asked the question knew what he was doing. It may not have been a fair question, but there is a concise answer to it in the Bible, and he no doubt thought that the eight candidates, if they were well versed in the Old Testament, would answer it at once.

The date of the flood was 1,656 years after the birth of Adam, in the second month and the seventeenth day. It began then and continued for 40 days and nights. This is how it is figured: The third verse of the fifth chapter of Genesis reads thus. "And Adam lived 130 years and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image, and called his name Seth." Then in the sixth verse it is told that Seth lived 105 years and begat Enos. Adam, says the fourth verse, lived 800 years after the birth of Seth, and the latter after the birth of Enos lived 807 years. So it goes on. Enos begat Cainan when he was 90; Cainan begat Mahalaleel when he was 75; Mahalaleel begat Jared when he was 65; Jared begat Enoch when he was 162. Methuselah was born to Enoch when the latter was 65, and when Methuselah was 187 he begat Lamech, and Lamech's son Noah came into the world when the father was 182. This brings us down to the birth of Noah, which, according to the added ages of the several patriarchs at the time their sons were born, occurred 1,056 years after the birth of Adam.

In the seventh chapter of Genesis the eleventh verse reads as follows: "In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up and all the windows of heaven were opened." This was the flood, and it came to pass in the year 1656 after the birth of Adam.—New York Sun.

The Average Lawsuit.

There is nothing more ridiculous than the average lawsuit. Two men dispute over a few dollars and go to law. Both are sure to lose. Their neighbors are dragged in as witnesses, and the costs amount to 10 or 20 times the amount in dispute. Frequently these lawsuits ruin families and start quarrels that last for years. Some men claim it is "principle" that actuates them in these lawsuits. It is bullheadedness, pure and simple. It is nearly always easy to "split the difference."

Another bad feature about these lawsuits is that the county is put to considerable expense, and men willing to work are compelled to sit on the jury. Settle your disputes without going to law. If the man with whom you are disputing is not willing to "split the difference," he will probably accept a proposition to leave it to three neighbors.—Atchison Globe.

Advice From a Butcher.

"What the newspapers should do is to devote less space to describing what people should wear and more to what they should eat," remarked the butcher. "Fashionably dressed women come in here every day who don't know lamb from mutton or a hen from a rooster. No wonder men have dyspepsia! I find that men know more about the quality of food stuffs than women do. Many of the latter don't even know the few simple tests that might help them to distinguish an old fowl from a young one, and about meat they're greener yet. A young woman came in here the other day and asked for two pounds of veal cutlets. I showed her the loin I proposed to chop the cutlets from, and she remarked, 'Yes; that's very nice, but isn't it rather thick to fry?'"—Philadelphia Times.

Many persons have had the experience of Mr. Peter Sherman, of North Stratford, N. H., who says: "For years I suffered torture from chronic indigestion, but Kodol Dyspepsia Cure made a well man of me." It digests what you eat and is a certain cure for dyspepsia and every form of stomach trouble. It gives relief at once even in the worst cases, and can't help but do you good. King Bros.

The most effective little liver pills made are DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They never gripe. King Bros.

CANCER

Sufferers from this horrible malady nearly always inherit it—not necessarily from the parents, but may be from some remote ancestor, for Cancer often runs through several generations. This deadly poison may lay dormant in the blood for years, or until you reach middle life, then the first little sore or ulcer makes its appearance—or a swollen gland in the breast, or some other part of the body, gives the first warning.

To cure Cancer thoroughly and permanently all the poisonous virus must be eliminated from the blood—every vestage of it driven out. This S. S. S. does, and is the only medicine that can reach deep-seated, obstinate blood troubles like this. When all the poison has been forced out of the system the Cancer heals, and the disease never returns.

Cancer begins often in a small way, as the following letter from Mrs. Shirer shows:

A small pimple came on my jaw about an inch below the ear on the left side of my face. It gave me no pain or inconvenience, and I should have forgotten about it had it not begun to inflame and itch; it would bleed a little, then scab over, but would not heal. This continued for some time, when my jaw began to swell, becoming very painful. The Cancer began to eat and spread, until it was as large as a half dollar, when I heard of S. S. S. and determined to give it a fair trial, and it was remarkable what a wonderful effect it had from the very beginning; the sore began to heal and after taking a few bottles disappeared entirely. This was two years ago; there are still no signs of the Cancer, and my general health continues good.—MRS. R. SHIRER, La Plata, Mo.

SSS is the greatest of all blood purifiers, and the only one guaranteed purely vegetable. Send for our free book on Cancer, containing valuable and interesting information about this disease, and write our physicians about your case. We make no charge for medical advice.

THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10, 1900.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

There is a war on between the men who bossed Mr. McKinley's campaign and Mr. McKinley's cabinet. The men who bossed the campaign compelled the Republicans on the House Ways and Means Committee, to make a reduction of 25 cents net, a barrel, in the beer tax, although it made the total of the Revenue Reduction bill, now before the House, exceed $40,000,000, instead of keeping it inside of $30,000,000 as recommended by Mr McKinley. The cabinet objects and has been even talking of fighting the bosses in Congress, but a word from Mr. McKinley will probably result in making it plain to them that the bosses are not doing more than they were bound to do. One Republican, speaking of the cabinet kicks, said: "Why, instead of kicking, these men ought to be thankful that the brewers are not demanding the $1 a barrel reduction they were led to believe, before the election, that they would get; these men in the cabinet would know a whole heap more about practical politics if they would work for a while with men who raise the money for a national campaign. Of course, Mc will quiet them; he knows." Some are predicting that the bill will be allowed to fail in the Senate. Representative Richardson presented the minority report on the Revenue Reduction bill. It does not oppose any of the reductions made, but favors a more extensive reduction in war taxes.

It was an unexpectedly large majority—198 to 92—that the House gave the Grout Oleomargarine bill. Political lines were not drawn at all. If any line was drawn, it was the agricultural against the manufacturing.

That everything is being done that can possibly influence votes for the Ship Subsidy bill, is apparent to everybody. Even the bidding for the construction of the six armored cruisers and the five battleships authorized at the last session of Congress, was utilized for that purpose. In order to create the impression in Congress that the shipyards of the country were all on the hunt for work, which the Ship Subsidy bill would give them if enacted into a law, these schemers had a whole lot of small fry establishments, which would be taxed to their utmost capacity to build a light draft gun boat, put in bids for cruisers and battleships.

Senators are not showing much anxiety to rush the Army Reorganization bill through the Senate, which was railroaded through the House last week To give the Senate Republicans a chance to rush it, the House leaders made the bill a substitute for one that was passed by the Senate at the last session. The Senate could have sent the bill to a conference at once, but it didn't. The bill was referred to the Military Committee, and Senator Hawley, chairman of the committee, says the usual routine will be followed in the consideration of the bill which began today. The anti-canteen amendment, adopted by the House to please the W. C. T. U., is already being made the basis of much contention. The chances favor its being struck out by the Senate.

The story of Rathbone's extravagance with Cuban funds, which was quite as disgraceful as Neeley's stealings, is fully told in a pamphlet of 292 pages, now in the hands of the Senate Committee on Relations with Cuba Although Rathbone paid the money out on vouchers, they were vouchers which he knew that no honest auditing officer would pass. In fact, vouchers amounting to $69 619 21 have been thrown out by the auditors because of the nature of the goods for which they charged, such as $110 a month for rent for coachman's house, enameled bathtub and other house fitting for one Madam Jorrins and Household furniture and furnishings of all kinds, including such items as "lining furniture with brocaded silver and gold", and harness and other stable paraphernalia. Although these vouchers have been disallowed, the money had already been paid from the Cuban funds. It will in common honesty have to be made good, as well as the Neeley stealing, and it is likely that the task of making good will fall entirely on the United States, as there is no probability of recovering any considerable sum either from Rathbone or Neeley.

Senator Teller, struck those who believe or pretend to believe that we cannot construct the Nicaragua Canal without the consent of Great Britain, a solar plexus blow when he said in a speech advocating action on the part of the United States that would be absolutely independent of England, that to ask England's assent to the construction of the canal was to admit that that country had a right to express its dissent. He warned the Senate that such a position would not be accepted by the people of this country. At the last session of Congress the administration demanded the ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty without amendment. Now, its personal representatives in the Senate, gladly agree to having a vote taken on the Davis amendment, which provides that nothing in the treaty "shall apply to measures which the United States will find it necessary to take for securing by its own forces the defense of the United States and the maintenance of public order," next Thursday, when they know that it will be adopted. The administration is now willing to accept the amendment simply because it knows that the treaty could not be ratified without it.

Tortured by Frenchmen.

A Paris cable to the Philadelphia Record says:

Sensational developments were made in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday regarding French barbarities in Madagascar and the Sudan.

Deputy Vigue, who interrogated the Government, brought to light an array of facts, corroborated in each instance by the testimony of French army officers and civil officials, which showed that the French conquest of Madagascar has been marked by all the horrors which characterized the Spanish conquest of Mexico.

It was shown that, at the orders of French officers, natives have been inhumanly tortured in their presence. A favorite torture was to pour coal oil upon the hair and to set fire to it. Their hands and feet were cut off. Each officer was allowed to take as many native men as he liked for slaves and as many women as he liked for concubines. This condition is still existent.

M. Vigue, in conclusion, said: "If these things are not true, prosecute me; if they are true, hold an inquiry and let us know the truth."

RALPH LANE.

When the stomach is tired out it must have a rest, but we can't live without food. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure "digests what you eat" so that you can eat all the good food you want while it is restoring the digestive organs to health. It is the only preparation that digests all kinds of food. King Bros.

The Pope's Present.

By cable to the Observer.

Rome, Dec. 13.—The Pope has sent Mr. Kruger a mosaic representing St. Peter's square.

Sloan Barred from France.

By cable to the Observer,

Paris, Dec. 13.—The Paris Jockey club will not issue a license to Tod Sloan to ride in France, at any rate for next season.

Switzerland's President.

By cable to the Observer.

Berne, Dec. 13.—Vice President of the Federal Council Ernest Brenner, of Basle, was today elected President of Switzerland for 1901. Dr. Zemp of Lucerne, was elected vice president.

Grigg's Successor.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Addison G. Harris, now Minister to Austria, is the latest and most promising of the possible candidates for the attorney generalship on the retirement of Mr. Griggs.

Milner, Administrator.

By cable to the Observer.

Cape Town, Dec. 13—Sir Alfred Milner has been gazetted as administrator of Orange river colony and the Transvaal. Another contingent of Canadian troops started away for home today on board the steamer Roslyn Castle. They received an enthusiastic sendoff.

Former Queen in a Hospital.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, Dec. 13.—Former Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii, is a private patient at the Presbyterian hospital with typhoid fever. She occupies a room adjoining Lieutenant Hobson's.

Terrible Wreck by a Typhoon.

By cable to the Observer.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 13.—The steamship Empress of India, brings news from Hong Kong that Klowloo was swept by a typhoon and two hundred lives lost. The British gunboat Sandpiper foundered and the American ship Benjamin Sewall went ashore. Seventy seven steam launches were wrecked.

Mr. Bryan to be Senator—Remarkable News from Lincoln.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Lincoln, Dec. 13.—William Jennings Bryan is going to represent Nebraska in the United States Senate. He will be elected at the session of the Legislature in January. Mr. D. E. Thompson, Republican, also of Lincoln, will be his colleague. It is stated, on good authority, that Mr. Bryan is to receive the five necessary Republican votes. These votes are to come at the dictation of Thompson, who has thirty votes absolutely pledged. He fears a deadlock if the legislature tries to elect any candidate with himself of the same political faith. Bryan is the only man on whom the fusion forces can unite. Mr. Bryan has consented.

A Fast Mail Wrecked.

By telegraph to the Observer:

Burlington, Iowa, Dec. 13—The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy fast mail was wrecked two miles west of Kirkwood this morning. Fireman Shannon was killed and Samuel Dove, the engineer, badly hurt. The engine jumped the track and was demolished. Two mail cars with their contents were burned. The mail clerks were not seriously injured.

Parker's Troubles Already Begun.

By cable to the Observer.

London, Dec. 13—The Central News says the Editor of the Sun has received a letter from Rev. Dr. Parker, who will edit that paper December 17th to December 22nd, in which he denounces as villanous the letter printed this morning in which he is quoted as requesting George Edwards, Manager of the Gaiety Theatre, to deal with dramatic reviews during the Parker editorship. Mr. Parker says that from beginning to end the letter is a hoax or a lie or both.

In Congress.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Dec. 13—The House adopted the holiday recess from December 21 to January 3, and went then into committee on the whole on the war tax reduction bill. Mr. Payne asked to have the general debate close tomorrow at 2 o'clock.

Senator Hanna in a carefully prepared speech defended the Ship Subsidy bill this afternoon. The galleries were crowded.

British Hurrying More Troops to South Africa.

By cable to the Observer.

London, Dec. 14—Orders were received at Aldershot, Malta and other military centres this morning to despatch all available mounted infantry to South Africa.

The Liquor Question in Manila.

By cable to the Observer.

Manila, Dec. 14—Liquor license laws have been passed by the Taft commission, but the commission is divided regarding the removal of saloons from crowded streets. The cost of licenses will be increased on the first of January. War operations are prevented by heavy rains.

Boers Again Defeat British.

By cable to the Observer.

London, Dec. 14—News comes of another defeat of the British arms in South Africa. A Boer force of 2,500 men under Gen. Delary routed the British under Gen. Clement. The British retreated to Hekpoort with the Boers in pursuit. The British lost heavily and it is believed four companies were captured.

Official Notification.

By cable to the Observer.

Pekin, Dec. 14—Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching have sent official notification to the Ministers that they have received the promised documents authorizing them to act in behalf of China in the peace negotiations and announcing that they are ready to proceed as soon as the Ministers desire. U. S. Minister Conger says he believes that China will immediately accept the terms imposed and that she has it in her power to comply with the majority of them before Spring, while the others can wait.

Help is needed at once when a person's life is in danger. A neglected cough or cold may soon become serious and should be stopped at once. One Minute Cough Cure quickly cures coughs and colds and worst cases of croup, bronchitis, grippe and other throat and lung troubles. King Bros.

Southern Cotton Spinners Will Do Their Own Commission Business.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Charlotte, Dec. 14—The Board of Governors of the Southern Cotton Spinners Association met in secret session here last night to receive the report of the special committee appointed to secure selling agents in the Eastern markets. After the meeting was held, it was said that the association had not only secured all the money needed but had secured reliable men to take charge of the selling agencies. The members say they will neither give nor receive quarter, as the Eastern commission houses decided not to make any concessions. The Southern spinners have arranged to open their selling houses in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Chicago and St. Louis some time in January.

A British Reverse in South Africa.

By telegraph to the Observer

London, Dec'r 14—Lord Kitchener telegraphs the war office that General Clement's force at Nootgedacht was attacked at dawn on Thursday by General Beyer's command, consisting of twenty-five hundred men. Though the first attack was repulsed, the Boers reached the top of Magalleberg hill, which was held by four companies of Northumberland's, and thus commanded Clement's camp. He retired to Hekpoort and took up position on a hill in the centre of a valley. The fighting was severe. Four officers, including Col. Legge, were killed. Reinforcements have left Pretoria for Hekpoort.

Boxers Defeated With Heavy Loss.

By cable to the Observer.

London, Dec'r 14—A Pekin dispatch says that Boxers attacked the allies' couriers near the Hosiwu road from Pekin to Tien Tsin, last Monday. The allies sent reinforcements against the Boxers, who were in overwhelming numbers. Fighting resulted on Tuesday, when the Boxers were defeated with heavy loss.

The Atchison Strike Ended.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, Dec'r 14—George C. Dillard, general Eastern passenger agent of the Atchison rail-way system, said to-day: I have received from our general passenger agent a wire to the effect that the srrike is over, and that all trains are now moving on schedule time.

In Congress.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Senate has gone into executive session on the Hay-Pauncefote.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has decided to recommend an amendment to the Nicaragua canal bill declaring that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty supersedes the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and also to strike out article 3 of the Hay-Pauncefote tereaty.

Big Bag by Boers—18 Officers and 560 Men Captured.

By cable to the Observer.

London, Dec. 15.—Lord Kitchener reports that 18 officers and 560 men are missing from Gen. Clement's force. They consist of four companies of Northumberland fusileers. Judging from the message they were captured by the Boers.

The Bicycle Race.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, Dec. 15—At eight o'clock the score in the bicycle race stood: Elkes, McFarland, Pierce, and McEachern, 2395; Gougoltz, Simar, 2394 9; Kaser, Ryser, 2394 6; Fisher, Frederick, 2394 4; Waller, Stinson, 2358 1

The Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Dec. 15.—It is probable that, at today's executive session a date will be set for taking the vote on the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. At least this is the hope of the Republicans, who expected to get an agreement before adjournment yesterday, but which was prevented by the objection of Senator Butler, who, for some unexplained reason, desired the debate to run on unchecked a while longer. The treaty will be so altered, when the amedments agreed to are adopted, that its advocates will hardly recognize it; yet they say that the essential features have been retained and that it will be ratified next week.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure
"Digests what you eat."

Service by Publication—NOTICE.

NORTH CAROLINA, } In the
CUMBERLAND COUNTY. } Superior Court.

Zilphia Collins }
vs. } NOTICE TO
Henry Collins. } DEFENDANT.

The defendant, Henry Collins, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland county by the plaintiff, the object of which is to obtain an absolute divorce from defendant on the ground of abandonment by defendant of plaintiff; and said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of Cumberland county, to be held on the second Monday before the first Monday in March, 1901, at the Court House of said county in Fayetteville, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This December 3rd, 1900.

A. A. McKETHAN,
Clerk of the Superior Court.
ROBINSON & SHAW,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

NORTH CAROLINA, } In the
CUMBERLAND COUNTY. } Superior Court

D. T. Oates, Adm'r of Jessie Blackman, deceased,
vs.
Frank Adams, et. al., heirs at law of Jessie Blackman, deceased.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Cumberland County, made in the above entitled action on October 27, 1900 I will, on Monday January 7, 1900, at 12 o'clock M., at the Market House in the City of Fayetteville, in the aforesaid county and State, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate, to-wit:

First Tract. What is known as the "Jessie Blackman home place," situate on the South side of the Robinson Road about ¼ mile from the town line, containing two acres, more less. For reference, see deed from S. H. McRae to Jessie Blackman, in Book F., No. 5, page 115 of the Cumberland Count Records.

Second Tract. Lying on the South side of Canal or New Street, in the City of Fayetteville, and is a part of what is kuown as the "Wright Field," land consists of about ¾ of an acre and is fully set out in a deed from J. P. Thomson and wife to Jessie Blackman, recorded in Book F., No. 4, page 256 of Cumberland County Records, to which reference is made.

This December 3, 1900.

D. T. OATES, Commissioner.

Administrator's Notice

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Gracie Culbreth, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against the said estate to present them, duly authenticated, to the undersigned on or before November 28th, 1901, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate are notified to come forward and make immediate payment.

November 28th, 1900.

G. A. P. WILKERSON,
Administrator.

H. L COOK, Attorney.

Administratrix Notice.

The undersigned, having this day qualified as Administratrix of W. Hoyle Gibson, deceased, late of Cumberland county, hereby gives notice to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me, duly verified, before Nov 7th, 1901. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This Nov. 7th, 1900.

MARY GIBSON, Administratrix,
Cumberland, N. C.

Robinson & Shaw, Attorneys,
Fayetteville, N. C.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having duly qualified as Administrator of the estate of John Bullock, deceased, I hereby notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to me, duly authenticated on or before the 19th day of November, 1901, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make payment.

Nov. 19, 1900.

JOHN H. BULLOCK,
Administrator.

N. A. SINCLAIR, Attorney.

Administrator's Notice

Having qualified as administrator, de bonis non, of the estate of Thomas Bullock, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against the said estate to present them, duly authenticated, to the undersigned on or before November 28th, 1901, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the said estate will please come forward and make immediate settlement.

Nov. 28th, 1900

G. W. LAWRENCE,
Administrator, De Bonis Non.

H. L. COOK, Attorney.

Administrator's Notice.

The undersigned having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of James D. No tice hereby gives notice that all persons having claims against said estate shall present the same to the undersigned on or before October 25th, 1901, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment.

CLARISSA NOTT,
Administratrix.

H. L. COOK, Attorney.
Oct. 25th, 1900.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of Thos. C. Whitfield deceased, late of Cumberland county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of October, 1901, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 15th day of October 1900.

EDWARD EVANS Administrator.
N. A. Sinclair, Attorney.

Executor's Notice.

Having this day qualified as Executor of James P. Robertson, deceased, late of Cumberland county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of October, 1901, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This October 15th 1900

EMILY G. ROBERTSON.
Executrix.

D. T. Oates, Attorney.

Executrix Notice.

Having this day qualified as Executrix of Ralph Potts Buxton, deceased, late of Cumberland county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said dec'and to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of November, 1901, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

REBECCA BLEDSOE BUXTON,
Executrix.

MOSES A. BLEDSOE, Attorney.
November 12th, 1900.

Sale by Heirs—McMillan Place on Rockfish

All that tract of land situate, lying and being in the County of Cumberland, embracing the residence of the late William McMillan, being bounded on the South and West by the lands of Dr. Duncan Sinclair and by the lands belonging to the heirs of Arch'd Brown, deceased, and by the lands of Mrs. Mary Patterson; on the North by the land of Mrs. Mary Patterson, Duncan James Black, and the land belonging to the heirs of John McMillan, deceased; thence by the lands of Alexander Campbell; on the East by the lands of David Murphy; containing several tracts of land, by estimation, 38½ acres, be the same more or less. Also an additional 50 acres within said described boundaries, conveyed by her father to Mary McMillan, deceased, then to William McMillan, deceased, grantor to William Graham McMillan, under deed dated Dec. 19, 1867, and recorded Dec. 24, 1867, in Book G, No 3, page 231.

For further information as to this well-known and valuable tract of land, address,

JOHN R. McMILLAN, Rosindale, N. C., or E. E. MacKETHAN, Att'y, Fayetteville, N. C.

LAND SALE.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Clerk of Superior Court of Cumberland county made in case of D. P. McEachern, Administrator of John Buie vs Laura P. Bay, Executrix of N. W. Bay and others, duly affirmed at March term, 1900, on appeal by the Superior Court, the undersigned will offer for sale at the Market House in Fayetteville on Saturday, January 5th, 1901, at 12 o'clock, M., THE BANN LANDS, hereinafter described. One third cash, balance on six months time; title retained:

1st tract. About 100 acres bounded as in a grant to Neill Buie, registered in Book Y, No. 2, Page 298.

2nd tract. About 50 acres bounded as in a grant to Neill Buie, registered in Book D, No. 2, Page 358.

3rd tract. About 50 acres bounded as in a grant to Hugh Leslie, registered in Book Y, No. 2, Page 314.

4th tract. About 100 acres bounded as in a grant to Duncan Buie, assignee of McIntyre, registered in Book Y. No. 2, Page 315.

5th tract. About 25 acres bounded as in a grant to Duncan Buie, registered in Book Y, No. 2, Page 316.

Save and except out of above lands 80 acres heretofore conveyed to Julia C. Bennett by deed recorded in Book Y, No. 4, Page 599.

December 3rd, 1900.

N. A. SINCLAIR,
Commissioner.

NORTH CAROLINA, } In Superior Court,
CUMBERLAND COUNTY. } Before the Clerk.
Ed. Smith and others
vs
Jas. Smith, Wright B. Smith, Willie Kirkpatrick and husband, Dr. Kirkpatrick, Maud Smith, Chalmers Smith, Fayet'd Smith, Jr, Frank Smith, Herbert Smith, Josephine Plummer and husband.

NOTICE.

The defendants will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court, before the Clerk, of Cumberland county, for the sale of the lands of the late W. D. Smith for partition among his heirs at law; and the defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county on the 15th day of December, 1900, and answer the complaint of the plaintiffs in the action, or the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This 9th day of November, 1900.

A. A. McKETHAN,
Clerk Superior Court Cumberland County.

Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company

CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

DATED Nov. 25, 1900.	No 23. Daily.	No 35. Daily.	No. 101 Daily ex Sunday.	No 41 Daily.	No 37 Daily.
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M
Leave Weldon	11 50	8 58			
Ar Rocky Mt.	12 55	10 04			
Leave Tarboro	12 21		6 00		
Lv Rocky Mt.	1 00	10 04	6 45	5 40	12 04
Leave Wilson	1 58	10 35	7 10	6 20	2 40
Leave Selma	2 55				
Lv Fayetteville	4 30	12 19			
Ar Florence	7 25	3 24			
	P. M.	A. M.			
Ar Goldsboro	.....	.....	7 50	.....	
Lv Goldsboro	.....	.....		7 01	1 21
Lv Magnolia	.....	.....		8 04	4 25
Ar Wilmington	.....	.....		9 40	5 50